

Hi Everybody!

Our USDAA trial of October 3 & 4 at the Mosaic Arena in Palmetto was a success! We received more compliments on how smooth everything went than for any other USDAA trial ever. The judges were very nice, had great courses and we handed out lots of qualifying ribbons (rare for USDAA).

Thank you to all the people who pitched in and helped to load the truck, set up the rings, and helped at the trial including breaking down and bringing everything home. We could never have done it without you!

Our next trial is the Thanksgiving NADAC trial. The premiums are printed and the closing date is November 12 for pre-entries and the show special. We will be taking day of show entry at this trial. I will have premiums available at class. I would like to do a raffle at this trial for the first fundraiser to benefit our State Championship. Bring donated items to the school, sometime before the trial.

Gone Over the Bridge

Friday, October 16, Mary and Steve Quinn sent their beloved Boxer Shatze over the Rainbow Bridge after a valiant battle against Lymphoma. Shatze was Mary's first agility dog, and because of Shatze Mary applied her talents to building agility equipment.

She was a very expressive dog, and full of attitude. You could tell what Shatze was thinking by her beautiful eyes, and her ears. Mary learned agility from Shatze, who was a very demanding partner. I'll never forget the day that Mary got lost in the course, and Shatze gave her one of her disgusted looks, laid her ears back, and left the ring, as if saying "I don't know that lady". She's now healthy again, and running with her other buddies that have gone over the bridge. We will all miss you Shatz!

No Classes:

There will be no classes on Friday, October 30 (Imperial Polk Agility Trial). There will be no classes Friday, November 6 (Dog Training Club of Tampa Agility Trial). Also, no classes on Thursday, November 12 and Friday, November 13 (Indian River Agility Trial).

Friday classes as usual on November 20.

Puppy Test

The Holiday Season is coming and it's also a time when many puppies go to their new homes. Some breeders do not sell puppies at this time because people tend to make too quick decisions that may end up with the puppy later being returned or worse, placed either in a shelter or a different home. How do you

choose the right puppy for you? Here's a simple test that has always worked for me:

Puppy Test

(to be done at 7 to 8 weeks of age)

Take each Puppy out individually to a place it has not been before:

Pack behavior...put puppy down on the ground and walk away. If the puppy follows it indicates a willingness to work with you. Y N

Test for coming...when the puppy gets distracted gently call: "puppy, puppy". The ideal response is to come running to you. Y N

Restraint test...hold puppy down on the ground. Ideally, they will struggle some and then settle down. Wildly struggling indicates that they are not willing to accept your dominance. Y N

Retrieving test...throw out a ball or a squeaky toy. The ideal response is for the puppy to run to it and pick it up, and bring it back at least part of the way. Y
N

Sound sensitivity...Bring a metal dish and spoon and bang on it (but not too loudly). Ideally, the puppy will be startled and then come to investigate., but not try to run and hide. Y N

Prey drive...drag a towel on the ground and see if puppy tries to pounce on it. The ideal response is for puppy to chase and attack the towel. Y N

Height sensitivity...place puppy on a high surface. Puppy should adjust to the change without fear or worry. Y N

Adjustment to variable surfaces...going from grass to gravel, concrete or walking over a plastic garbage bag. Stopping to investigate is fine, but stiffening up and refusing to move is not. Y N

Food Drive...Show puppy a piece of liver or a hot dog. Does puppy lunge for it? If puppy ignores the food, it might mean that the stress of a new situation causes it to lose its appetite. Y N

Dog Gone Holistic Healthy Pet Fest

The Dog Gone Holistic 2nd Annual Healthy Pet Fest will take place Saturday,

December 5 from 10AM to 3PM outside in the store parking lot. There will be displays by food manufacturers, local rescue groups, pet treats, holiday items and much more. Dog Gone Holistic is located at 5620 Fishhawk Crossing Blvd. In Lithia. For more information, visit their website: www.doggoneholistic.biz.

They will also be having a Pet Photo Day on Friday, November 6th 3:00PM-7:00PM. Great for the Holidays...and, on Saturday October 31st all pets in Halloween costumes will get a bag of treats!!!

From Larry Kingery

Pet First Aid & CPR Training for dogs & cats

****PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR OWN PET****

Date: Saturday –
November 21, 2009, 1:00 PM -5:00 PM

Location: Country Inn & Suites / Hotel

11551 Discovery Lane, Seffner FL 33584

****I-4 and C.R. 579 / the exit for Cracker Barrel / Lazy Days R.V. / Bob Evans****

Pet First Aid is the immediate care given to an injured or suddenly ill pet as temporary assistance until competent veterinary care is available. Properly applied first aid can save your pet's life, reduce recovery time and be the difference between temporary disability and lifelong disability. This program concentrates on basic first aid care. It is not intended to replace veterinary care, but rather to instruct the pet owner on how to save a pet's life during an emergency or to minimize a pet's trauma after an injury.

During this 4-hour training course students will learn:

- How to recognize your pet may have an emergency.
- How to restrain a sick or injured animal.
- How to help a choking dog or cat.
- How to check a pulse on a dog or cat.
- Pet CPR – dogs and cats.
- Heat related emergencies.
- How to do a physical assessment (snout to tail)
- Wound care, with bandaging & splinting techniques discussed.
- Bites & stings along with poisonings and other emergency situations.

\$45.00 per student (Includes student manual & certification card) (Verbal, Video & Hands-on Instruction)

To register: Please contact Gene at King's Innovative Safety & Security by e-mail at Gene@kisstraining.net or phone 813-244-8704.

****A minimum number of ten (10) students are required to host the class****

www.kisstraining.net

Darby Needs a New Home

Darby is a really adorable All-American 10 month old puppy that Glenda Dorety needs to place in a new home. Glenda has a 3 year old boy and Darby simply plays too rough with him, so she needs to go to a home with older kids or no kids. She's very friendly with people and other dogs and has had some training. She's very athletic and active and would probably make an excellent agility dog. Glenda's email is GDORETY@ TAMPABAY.RR.COM.



Missing German Shorthaired Pointer!!!

From: Adams, Dan J <djadams@pbsj.com>

Date: Monday, October 19, 2009, 3:25 PM

To all:

I got this email address from the North Florida GSP club website and the Central Florida GSP club website. The reason for this message is to report my boy missing. I am devastated and very desperate to find Woody!!! I miss him so much!!!!

Woody is a 6 month old male GSP pup that got loose on Saturday October 10, 2009 from the Parrish, FL area (near Bradenton/Palmetto). That was 9 days ago and ever since then I have blanketed the area with signs & flyers. I have ads on craigslist.com, Petfinder.com, PetHarbor.com, and other websites, and 4 local

newspapers. Several area vet hospitals have also been contacted with his description and/or photo. I visit the Manatee County animal shelter almost daily and have visited the Sarasota and Hillsborough facilities as well. I also have a report at the Hardee County facility.

He does have an Avid microchip that is registered to me. He is liver & white, patched with some ticking. He has an all liver head and his tail has a distinguished white tip. Since he went missing I have had 3 separate people that 99% positively identified him sighted in the Palmetto area on Tuesday the 13th and Wednesday the 14th... but have had no word since. That area is now saturated with flyers and signs. Please, if anyone has info on my boy please contact me as soon as possible. I am of course offering a reward for his rescue!!!

Attached are some recent (from about 3 weeks ago) photos of Woody. Any help or advice is greatly appreciated. Also, if you can think of anyone to forward this information to please, please do!!!

Thank you,

Dan Adams

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Congratulations to Our Latest Graduates!

Basic Obedience

Anne De Frange & Boots (Maltipoo)

Robert Blacklund & Sophi (Vizsla)

Doug Huburt & Bella (Labrador)

Basic Agility

Patricia Williams & Bishop (Border Collie Mix)

Larry Kingery & Hayden (All American)
Kathie Scott & Sammy (Poodle)

Super Puppy Class

Curran & Austin Porto with Jerry (Australian Shepherd)
Ryan Harned & Domino (Beagle mix)
Laurie Pindver & Susy (German Shorthaired Pointer)
Mark & Wendy Heminover with Nike (Labradoodle)
Kate Johnson & Kobe (Cane Corso)
Greg Warner & Raven (All American)
Vikki Egan & Jack (All American)
Brie Cullen & Saraland (Border Collie/Shepherd mix)

Class Schedule

Monday:

6:15 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting November 16, 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:

9:30 to 10:15 AM - Super Puppy
10:30 to 11:30 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:

9:00 to 10:00 AM - Advanced Agility
10:00 to 11:00 AM - Intermediate Agility

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

Ileana

