

Hi Everybody,

The USDAA trial was a lot of work, our first 3 day USDAA trial, but it went really well, and exhibitors enjoyed having all three tournaments.

Our next trial is the Thanksgiving NADAC trial of November 26, 27 & 28, Pre-entries for that trial close on November 16. NADAC is a great venue for new dogs and handlers. Courses are flowing and easy to remember. NADAC also allows training in the ring, which is very helpful, especially for dogs with contact problems.

### **No Classes**

We will have no classes Friday, November 5, Thursday, November 18, or Friday, November 19. Dog shows on those days!

### **Over the Rainbow Bridge**

This month we lost three old agility dogs.

On the weekend of October 2 and 3, my Cavalier Sydney died in his sleep. He had a bad heart and had taken a turn for the worse over the last two weeks of his life. It was so like Sydney to die so peacefully. Never wanted to make any trouble. He had been a very fast agility dog. He was lost for three weeks several years ago, and whenever he was sighted, people would say that he was running really fast! It was a miracle that we finally found him. I had been meaning to put Sydney's "scary adventure" story in a children's book, and now I will finally do it. Sydney was 12 years old.

A week later, Jeanne Sardo had to send her old Cavalier Nike over the Bridge. Nike was 2 months shy of 15 years old. Nike was Jeanne's first agility dog, and the father of my Levi. Nike did a lot of winning in his agility career. He was very special to me because he was the first Cavalier I became closely acquainted with and the reason I fell in love with the breed. He hated running in the rain. Jeanne and I still laugh when we remember the time Nike ran in the tunnel and refused to come out during a rainy trial. He went in and peeked at Jeanne through the sheet of rain pouring at the tunnel exit!

David and Janice Thomas lost their sheltie Shilo a week ago. Shilo had some health problems and was at the Largo Specialists Vet Hospital where she seemed to be improving. Janice was very optimistic about Shilo's improvement, but Shilo collapsed and the vets were not able to revive her. Shilo was Janice's first agility dog too, and the teamwork they shared will not be easy to equal. Shilo was 11 years old and one of the most beautiful blue merle shelties I have ever seen.

## **From Jerry Manning**

I found this very relevant this month, in light of all our losses:

One day a woman's husband died, and on that clear, cold morning, in the warmth of their bedroom, the wife was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't "anymore".

No more hugs, no more special moments to celebrate together, no more phone calls just to chat, no more "just one minute."

Sometimes, what we care about the most gets all used up and goes away, never to return before we can say good-bye, say "I love you."

So while we have it, it's best we love it, care for it, fix it when it's broken and heal it when it's sick.

This is true for marriage.....And old cars... And children with bad report cards, and dogs with bad hips, and aging parents and grandparents. We keep them because they are worth it, and because we are worth it.

Some things we keep -- like a best friend who moved away or a sister-in-law after divorce. There are just some things that make us happy, no matter what.

Life is important, like people we know who are special.. And so, we keep them close! Suppose one morning you never wake up, do all your friends know you love them?

Live for today because tomorrow is not promised

## **Seminar at IPOC**

There are still auditing spots left for the Marcus Topps seminar at Imperial Polk Obedience Club in Lakeland, December 3 & 4. This will be a great agility seminar. For more information contact Jean Rodoski (jmarshep@gmail.com).

## **Halloween at Cool Critters**

On Wednesday, October 27, we will celebrate Halloween with our doggie critters. We will have classes as usual but the classes will have a Halloween theme. All the dogs that come in costume will get treats, and if the humans come

in costume, they will get a treat too! At 8PM we'll have a costume contest for the dogs. It will be by popular vote, and the winning costume will get a \$50 voucher for classes at the school.

### **From Ann Lee**

A chance to be in Guinness Book of Records!  
Suncoast Animal League will be attempting to break the current record for the Most Dogs in Costumed Attire. The current record was set at the New York Mets Stadium of 208 dogs.  
Come be a part of the New World Record!

#### Rules and Regulations

- All dogs must be healthy
- All dogs must be well-behaved and leashed
- Bandannas alone are not considered a costume
- One adult per dog
- If more than one dog per family, each dog must be in a different costume
- Pre-registration 11am - 12:15pm
- Record attempt begins 12:30pm
- Please feel free to bring a folding chair and water. Check in, record authentication & group photo will take approx. 1 hr.
- Please make arrangements for children to be tended to outside the attempt area during the event
- One photo will be taken of each dog & handler together as a souvenir
- Prizes for "Best Costumed Dog" after record attempt

#### **Event Date & Location**

November 13, 2010 - 11:00AM - 5:30PM

1920 Pinehurst Rd, Dunedin Florida, Dunedin Highlander Park (adjacent to the Community Center)

Suncoast Animal League | 1030 Pennsylvania Ave | Palm Harbor | FL | 34683  
727-786-1330.

### **From Linda Hamilton:**

Linda Hamilton is with ACT, Animal Coalition of Tampa Bay, a program to provide low cost spay and neutering for pets of low income families. Linda wrote:

"I know many of you used the county voucher program to fix your pet; I know many of you passed on the information that made the surgery a financial possibility for others.

I know that the voucher has already kept thousands of animals alive.

We are on the edge of losing the fund that has become a cornerstone in the progress we have made toward keeping animals from dying from the ravages of overpopulation in Hillsborough county.

A Cornell University researcher, Janet M Scarlett, DVM, PhD, said it best: "*No other disease or condition of companion animals takes as many lives as euthanasia. In fact, no other disease come close.*"

Please go to this site and add your name to those saying that this is just not okay; that the county needs to continue funding spays and neuters for low income people that cannot afford to do so without help. It's the right thing to do.

<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/ACT/>

**In the comments section on the website, would you please note in what county you reside and any other comments you'd care to add?**

Linda and ACT

*--We care deeply about this cause, we hope you will support our efforts--.*

### **From Dog Gone Holistic**

Canine "Tricks for Treats" Day! Bring your dog(s) to Dog Gone Holistic on Saturday, October 30th for a FREE Halloween Goodies Bag! Your dog(s) must either do a "Trick" or wear a Halloween Costume to qualify for a free "Treat" (goodies bag). \*Limited quantities available. While supplies last. No purchase necessary. Limit one per visiting dog.

We will have a booth at The Boxer Bash! We have nice gift baskets up for raffle at the Boxer Bash and at the Stride for Strays. All dogs are welcome at the Boxer Bash and Stride for Strays. Both events are big fund raisers...so come out and show your support of all the Canines in need!

Pet Photos here on November 20th. This is a great gift idea! We have very limited space left. Prices are fantastic! Please call us at 813-651-0842 if you would like to schedule a pet/family photo.

### **Another NADAC trial in Florida!**

Dog Obedience Club of Hollywood is hosting their NADAC agility trial on December 18-19 in Plantation, FL

Premium is available at [www.dogclubofhollywood.com](http://www.dogclubofhollywood.com)

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

Puppy:

Kristen Ogorek & Mati (Golden Retriever)

Barbara Robles & Ruth Mund with Lily (All American)  
Kurt Rae & London (All American)  
Jeanne Sardo & Striker (Cavalier King Charles)  
Kristy Chiodo & Willow (Havanese)  
Sam Chiodo & Bella (Havanese)

**Basic Agility:**

Tiffanie Ivins & Tesa (Boxer)  
Lisa Schmeling & Neo (Biewer Terrier)  
Beth Moore & Skye (Australian Shepherd)  
Rod Kuehl & Bam Bam (Sweedish Vahund)  
Beth Rice & George (Border Collie)  
Carmen Huffstetter & Bailey (Irish Setter)

**Basic Obedience:**

Kylee Eaves & Penny (All American)  
Wes Eaves & Bella (Pit Bull Mix)  
Sandra Ellis & Molly (Jack Russell)

**Class Schedule:**

**Monday:**

6:15 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting October 25, 2010)  
7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (next class starting October 25, 2010)  
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 November 29, 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 October 28, 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...

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