

Hi Everybody!

Agility season is in full swing! The weather seems to be getting cooler and drier, perfect for having fun with our dogs. Next month we will be having two competitions back to back here at the school. Several of the students are entering their dogs for the first time, and it's going to be very exciting. I do urge you to read the rules at [www.nadac.com](http://www.nadac.com). It will really help with your confidence...remember, you are doing it for fun!

### **Help Needed for Jerry Manning**

Jerry Manning has been a well known figure in the dog world for many years. He and his wife Sally have been very important to the 4H community since my boys were in the program. Jerry has always been ready to help any dog loving friend in need. I was one of those people that Jerry helped in times of need.

Now Jerry is in need of help. As many of you may have already heard, yesterday Jerry was diagnosed with brain cancer. He has a malignant astrocytoma that has infiltrated most of his brain. Sadly, his tumor is inoperable.

His step daughter Weslie set up a GoFundMe page to benefit Jerry. It is Weslie's hope that the dog community will come together and help Sally and Jerry during this very difficult time. All of the money raised will go towards his medical bills and the cost of needed medical equipment and nursing care to allow him to come home following his treatment.

Go Fund Me:  
[gofund.me/f6vw2k](https://gofund.me/f6vw2k)

### **Please Drive Carefully!**

Please be very careful when you are backing out in the parking area. The mailboxes are across the road...and the neighbors have their cars parked in their driveways. DO NOT drive on the neighbors' grass because you can damage their sprinkler systems.

I am very fortunate to have neighbors that take care of me and put up with my dog school. I REALLY want to keep them happy!

### **Some Important Do's and Don'ts**

If you are in the Super Puppy or Basic Obedience classes please do not put your dogs on the agility equipment if I am not there to supervise you. The equipment, especially the obstacles in the ring next to the pole barn, can be

dangerous if your dog has not had special training. I do not want your dogs to get hurt!

The agility fields are not potty areas for the dogs. Please use the parking area or the field behind the pole barn and please pick up after your dogs. Also, be considerate and DO NOT allow male dogs to lift their legs on the agility equipment please.

### **Dogs Don't Live Long Enough**

Dog's lives are short, too short, but you know that going in. You know the pain is coming, you're going to lose a dog, and there's going to be great anguish, so you live fully in the moment with her, never fail to share her joy or delight in her innocence, because you can't support the illusion that a dog can be your lifelong companion. There's such beauty in the hard honesty of that, in accepting and giving love while always aware that it comes with an unbearable price. Maybe loving dogs is a way we do penance for all the other illusions we allow ourselves and the mistakes we make because of those illusions."

...Dean Koontz

### **Class Schedule:**

Monday:

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting December 1, 2014)

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (Next class starting in January 5, 2015)

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 - Weaving Proficiency Class (Beginning January 6, 2015)

7:00 PM - Distance Control Class

Wednesday:

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy class (New class starting in January 7, 2015)

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 in January 8, 2015)

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!**

#### Super Puppy:

Dawn Blankenship & Remy (Pointer Mix)  
Dylan Roberts & Athena (German Shepherd)  
Debbie Bradford & Jive (Boxer)  
Debra Bradford & Kota (Husky Mix)  
Mariel Henley & David Whitley with Pedal (Vizsla)  
Kim Thorpe & Gracie (Gordon Setter)  
Barbara Brown & Patriot (Vizsla)  
Katie Statham & Pedal (Boxer)  
Tiffanie Ivins & Torque (Boxer)  
Kristy Urbane & Diego (Havanese)  
Kelly Haywood & Scout (Aussie)  
Maria & Christina Payton with Cooper (Malinois)

#### Basic Obedience:

Michele Roff & Pax (Rottweiler)  
Lydia Silva & Jo Jo (Lab mix)  
Tracey Fajman & Josie (Australian Cattle Dog)  
Tammy Sassor & Riley (Sharpei Mix)  
Micala Mc Murrian & Tyson (Sheltie)  
Jay Bojnack & Austin (Bichon Frise)

#### Basic Agility:

Kathleen Thomas & Cash (Rough Collie)  
Kathy Hunter & Sasafrass (Cardigan Welsh Corgi)  
Don Hunter & Blaze (Cardigan Welsh Corgi)  
Russ Swisher & Bruno (All american)  
Kathryn Vona & Daisy (Cavalier King Charles Spaniel)  
Don White & Eliot (Boxer)  
Dianna Helmke & Minie Sue (Boxer)  
Shari Romberger & Chewbacca (Aussie Doodle)  
Joan Fuhreman & Candy Corn (American Pit Bull Terrier)  
Judith Silvasi-Patzchin & Abby (Australian Shepherd)

## **This Applies to Dogs Too!**

I saw this on Facebook in reference to a dear friend who passed. I think it is also very relevant to our furry kids:

Do not judge a biography by it's length  
Nor by the number of pages in it  
Judge it by the richness of it's content  
Sometimes those left unfinished are among the most poignant

Do not judge a song by it's duration  
Nor by the number of it's notes  
Judge it by the way it touches and lifts the soul  
Sometimes those left unfinished are the most beautiful

And when someone has enriched your life  
And when their memory lingers in your heart  
Are they unfinished?  
Or are they endless?

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

Ileana