

Hi Everybody!

Well, preparations are underway for our two NADAC trials at the end of November! The premiums can be downloaded at [www.coolcritters.com/nadac.htm](http://www.coolcritters.com/nadac.htm) We have some really nice judges coming, great vendors, and even a photographer!

### **Handyman Needed!**

Any of you know a good handyman? The carpet in the pole barn needs to be replaced ASAP. I have bought the carpet already, but it's the type of job that installers won't touch because it cannot be glued or tacked down. The carpet is cut, laid down and the seams done...that's all. The handyman I used 10 years ago has retired. I would like to have the job done before the trials!

### **No Classes:**

There will be no classes on Friday November 20, or Friday November 27. Also, there will be no classes on Monday, November 30.

### **New Hours for Daytime Classes:**

Next week after the time change, the Daytime classes will return to 9AM for Advanced Agility, and 10AM for Intermediate Agility both Tuesday and Friday.

### **Daytime Classes?**

I have a request for Daytime Super Puppy classes. I need three more puppies in order to start a new class. Please contact me if you would like a daytime puppy class.

### **New Classes Starting at Cool Critters:**

Super Puppy on Wednesday, November 4  
Basic Obedience on Thursday, November 5

If you would like to join either of these classes, please let me know

### **To All my Agility Students**

I received this email from a veterinary student about research on knee injuries in agility dogs. I am very fortunate that none of my dogs have had that type of injury, but if they did, I would like for them to have state of the art care:

"I am a veterinary student at Washington State University and am conducting research on cranial cruciate ligament (CCL, the dog's equivalent of a human ACL) injuries in agility dogs. I am writing to request your club's help recruiting additional cases for this project. The project is designed to 1) identify potential risk factors for CLL injuries, 2) evaluate the likelihood of a dog returning to full function after a CCL injury, and 3) analyze factors that may influence the rate or quality of the dog's return to full function.

Part of this research involves a questionnaire to be completed by agility dog owners. We would greatly appreciate it if you could distribute this information and survey link to your club members and connections through any channels you deem appropriate (Facebook, email lists, club newsletters, etc.) to help us with recruitment:

[https://wsu.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_eV54enkt8FWOACx](https://wsu.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_eV54enkt8FWOACx)

A large sample of dogs is essential for the project. Any agility dog born after 1995 who ever suffered a CCL injury is eligible to participate, regardless of how the injury occurred or whether the dog returned to agility after recovery. Dogs will not be examined if they participate; the only data collected will be from owners (through this survey), the attending veterinarians (regarding treatment of the injury only), and public data from agility organizations.

We believe this research project is very important and need the support of agility venues, clubs, and competitors for it to succeed. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [kmartucci@vetmed.wsu.edu](mailto:kmartucci@vetmed.wsu.edu)

Thank you!

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**From Diann Andress**

How to recognize a stroke

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

How do we recognize a stroke? Remember the three steps: STR.

**S** \* Ask the individual to SMILE.

**T** \* Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) (i.e. Chicken Soup)

**R** \* Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call 911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

Another sign of a stroke is this: Ask the person to stick out his tongue. If the tongue is crooked, if it goes to one side or the other that is also an indication of a stroke.

## **Dog Class Schedule**

Monday:

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting January 4, 2016)

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (Next class starting in January 4, 2016)

8:00 to 9:00 PM - Intermediate Agility

Tuesday:

8:30 to 9:30 AM - Advanced Agility

9:30 to 10:30 AM - Intermediate Agility

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Weaving Proficiency Class (Starting November 8)

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Distance Class

Wednesday:

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (New class starting in November 4)

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Intermediate / Advanced Agility

Thursday:

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Obedience (Next class starting in November 5)

8:00 to 9:00 PM - Rally Obedience

Friday:

8:30 to 9:30 AM - Advanced Agility

9:30 to 10:30 AM - Intermediate Agility

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

#### Super Puppy:

Debbie Melendez & Charlie (Pyrenian Shepherd)  
Charlotte Chiddister & KC (Glen of Imaal Terrier)  
Michael Barnett & Bear (Shepherd Malinois Mix)  
Laura Torsane & Levi (Labrador)  
Diane Sollars & Jasper (Min. Dachshund)  
William Schwer & Jasmine (German Shepherd)  
Aida Roldan & Frankie (Standard Poodle)

#### Basic Agility:

Michael Barulic & Uli (Sheperd/Malinois mix)  
Gerri Potash & Dryden (Lab mix)

### **From Gail Harrell**

I've learned .... That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

I've learned .... That when you're in love, it shows.

I've learned .... That just one person saying to me,  
'You've made my day!' makes my day

I've learned .... That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.

I've learned .... That being kind is more important than being right.

I've learned .... That you should never say no to a gift from a child.

I've learned .... That I  
can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way

I've learned .... That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

I've learned .... That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand

I've learned .... That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.

I've learned .... That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

I've learned .... That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.

I've learned .... That money doesn't buy class.

I've learned .... That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

I've learned ... That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

I've learned .... That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

I've learned .... That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.

I've learned .... That love, not time, heals all wounds.

I've learned .... That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.

I've learned .... That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

I've learned .... That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.

I've learned ... That life is tough, but I'm tougher.

I've learned .... That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

I've learned ... That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere

I've learned .... That I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.

I've learned .... That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.

I've learned .... That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

I've learned .... That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, that you're hooked for life.

I've learned .... That everyone wants to live on top  
of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.

I've learned .... That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

Author: Andy Rooney

...and now. Time for a paws