

*"Dogs need to sniff the ground; it's how they keep abreast of current events. The ground is a giant dog newspaper, containing all kinds of late-breaking dog news items, which, if they are especially urgent, are often continued in the next yard." -Dave Barry*

Hi Everybody!

Well dog show season is now revving up! In the month of November, Cool Critters will host 2 NADAC trials. On November 4 & 5, the Tampa Bay Boxer Club will have its NADAC trial here, and at the end of November will be our after Thanksgiving NADAC trial. Both premiums are available for downloading at coolcritters.com. The closing date for the November 4 & 5 trial is fast approaching...Friday, October 27 at 6PM. We will also have day of show entries at a higher price.

Also, NADAC will once again be having a Winter Circuit here in Florida!

**Trial Dates & Location**

MidFL Agility, Lakeland_____	December 29 – Jan 1
Cool Critters, Valrico_____	January 5 – 7
MidFL Agility, Lakeland_____	January 26 - 28
Cool Critters, Valrico_____	February 3 – 4
MidFL Agility, Lakeland_____	February 9 – 11
MidFL Agility, Lakeland_____	February 16 – 18
Cool Critters, Valrico_____	March 3 – 4
MidFL Agility, Lakeland_____	March 16 – 18

**There will be Grand prizes for Elite, Open, Novice, Intro and Veterans**

**Elite** First place: One free dog entry to future NADAC Champs.

**Open** First Place: One free weekend entry for one dog at any Cool Critters trial or Nadac fun raiser, **PLUS** One year Associate membership in NADAC

**Novice** First Place: One free weekend entry for one dog at any NADAC fun raiser.

**Intro** First Place: One free weekend entry for one dog at any Cool Critters trial.

**Veterans** First Place: One free entry for one dog at any NADAC Fun-Raiser

**It will be so much fun!!!**

**The All Important Attention!**

Excerpted from Jane Killion's book [When Pigs Fly! Training Success with Impossible Dogs](#) (I love this book!)

Automatic attention is the mother of all behaviors and one of the first things you should teach your dog. There is no point in teaching your dog how

to do things if he is going to ignore you when you ask him to do them. If your dog is off in a mentally distant land and you repeatedly call his name, you are just like static in the background to him. The only thing you will have accomplished is to devalue his name. Even if you got yourself one of the excellent dog training books out there and followed the instructions in it exactly, you would probably find that your Pigs Fly dog still doesn't perform when you want him to. That is often because he is not paying attention to you.

Lack of attention is often, sadly, the issue that causes owners to give up on their "impossible" dogs. Take heart! Training a dog to have attention is absolutely no different than training a dog to sit or come when called. You are not going to get a "gimme" when it comes to attention. You are going to have to train it like any other behavior and that means more work for you. The good news is that it can be trained and, once you have your dog's attention, anything is possible.

You are not just going to teach an "attention" cue or command. Attention is going to become your dog's default behavior, and you will not have to ask for it only with commands. Teaching a dog a verbal cue to pay attention does not mean that it is OK for him not to pay attention unless she gets the verbal cue. Instead, if your dog is with you, he should be conditioned to watch you like a hawk all the time because he never knows when you might do something interesting or fun or crazy. If you call your dog to you, or take him out on a leash, you should become the center of his universe and his eyes should be pretty much glued to you whenever you are together. How will you get that attention? By rewarding it, of course. You have already laid the foundation for attention, now you just need to make sure you have that same attention everywhere you go, no matter what is going on.

## **No Classes**

We will not have morning Agility classes on Friday, November 3. We have to set up for the NADAC trial.

## **Dog Class Schedule**

Monday:

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting Nov 20, 2017)

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (Next class starting Nov. 27, 2017)

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

7:00 to 8:00 PM – Distance Class

Wednesday:

10:00 to 11:00AM - All levels Rally Obedience

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (New class starting December 13, 2017)

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

Thursday:

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Obedience (Next class starting Nov 16, 2017)

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

### **This is Old But Relevant**

1. Dogs are never permitted in the house. The dog stays outside in a specially built wooden compartment named, for very good reason, it's the dog's house.
2. Okay, the dog can enter the house, but only for short visits or if his own house is under renovation.
3. Okay, the dog can stay in the house on a permanent basis, provided his dog house can be sold in a yard sale to a rookie dog owner.
4. Inside the house, the dog is not allowed to run free and is confined to a comfortable but secure metal cage or pen.
5. Okay, the cage becomes part of a two-for-one deal along with the dog house in the yard sale, and the dog can go wherever the hell he pleases.
6. The dog is never allowed on the furniture.
7. Okay, the dog can get on the old furniture but not the new furniture.
8. Okay, the dog can get up on the new furniture until it looks like the old furniture and then we'll sell the whole damn works and buy new furniture...upon which the dog will most definitely not be allowed.
9. The dog never sleeps on the bed. Period.

10. Okay, the dog can sleep at the foot of the bed.
11. Okay, the dog can sleep alongside you, but he's not allowed under the covers.
12. Okay, the dog can sleep under the covers but not with his head on the pillow.
13. Okay, the dog can sleep alongside you under the covers with his head on the pillow, but if he snores he's got to leave the room.
14. Okay, the dog can sleep and snore and have nightmares in bed, but he's not to come in and sleep on the couch in the TV room, where I'm now sleeping. That's just not fair.
15. The dog never gets listed on the census questionnaire as "primary resident," even if it's true.

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

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