

Hi Everybody,

Our USDAA (United States Dog Agility Association) competition of October 3 & 4, is only 2 weekends away! This is the most challenging of all the agility venues, as the courses require strategy, the jumps are higher and the a-frame for large dogs is 6'3". We are having a Dog Agility Masters Tournament, with some very fast dogs with skilled handlers participating. If you want to see agility at it's finest, this is the show to come and watch!

It will be at the Mosaic Arena in the Manatee County Fairgrounds. This is a beautiful covered horse arena with great bleachers. The directions from I-75: Take exit 224 (old 43) onto US 301 westbound. It becomes 10<sup>th</sup> St. W. in Palmetto. Continue to 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. You will cross US 41 and business 41. Turn right onto 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. and continue to the fairground entrance on your right. We will be starting a 8AM both Saturday and Sunday, and will probably continue through 4PM.

This is also the most labor intensive of all the shows I put on and we will specially need helpers for setting up on Friday. We will load the truck at 11AM after the Agility class, and in this venue ALL the equipment goes! We especially need help desperately setting up the rings at the arena. Both my sons will be helping on Saturday, but they have to work on Friday. Everyone that helps load up will get a 4 week class card. Everyone that comes to the arena and helps us set up the rings will get an 8 week class card. If you want to get a front row seat at this event plus free lunch, come help us during the show. We need people to set up jumps, straighten the chute, move the dog's leads from one gate to the other, as well as many other jobs...we will train you!!!

### **No Classes**

There will be no classes Monday, September 21, thru Monday, September 28. I will be going to Tennessee to the NADAC Championships. We will not have small dog agility classes on Tuesday, September 29. The grass will probably VERY high and we might lose one of those little dogs!

### **Calming Cookies**

#### **VOLUNTEER DOGS NEEDED!!!**

Daryl (the Doggy Cookie Lady) is conducting a study for phobic dogs. If your dog freaks out during storms, at the vet's office, at the groomer, or other situations, this is the cookie for you! She needs your help testing the effectiveness of these cookies.

Her calm cookies are made with all natural herbs to help calm dogs' anxieties. Please call Daryl at (813) 567-1076 if you are interested in participating in this important study.

You must be willing to stay with the dog to see how it reacts to the

situation; and you must be willing to fill out a short form of accurate findings.

### **Pet Nutrition Seminar**

**Holistic Pet Nutrition Seminar**  
**Saturday, September 26th @ 10:15 AM**  
**Hosted by Holistic Veterinarian**  
**Dr. Frances Baker, DVM**

Join us for a 1.5 to 2 hour Holistic Pet Nutrition Seminar to learn more about the many health benefits of feeding holistic and natural foods! Dr. Baker will cover the advantages and disadvantages of cooking for your pet, feeding frozen raw diets and feeding commercial diets. She will also discuss supplements and holistic health care. There is limited space so please email us or give us a call to sign up! There is a small fee of \$15.00 to reserve your space. We will donate all money (after expenses) to a local pet rescue group. There will be plenty of time for questions during and after the seminar. This is a great way to learn more about the holistic approach to pet health & wellness.

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### **Over the Rainbow Bridge**

Bette Burch recently had to send her German Shepherd Rosie over the bridge. Rosie was 12, Bette's first Obedience and agility dog. Rosie introduced Bette to all of us crazy performance people!

### **From Sally Alford Manning:**

*Free...*

Mastiff/American bulldog  
9 months old

We have some friends in the Tampa area who need to find a home for their 9 month old Mastiff/American bulldog. He is a really good dog they are offering him free.

If you know of anyone who may be interested please ask them to contact me at: [Goinkrazyinflorida@yahoo.com](mailto:Goinkrazyinflorida@yahoo.com)

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### **From a Friend of Meredith Mackierman**

Dear Friends and Friends of Friends and any Dog Lovers with a loving available home:

This is my first ever personal plea for a pair of dogs I have come to know well. They are a "brother" and "sister" by family not by blood. They were adopted as pups 6 1/2 years ago from the Humane Society of Tampa Bay. They have been in a loving, nurturing ( high quality dog food, heartworm meds etc.) and educational (sit, down, stay, give me, loose leash walking etc) home this entire time. Recently the owner/caregiver had to give them up do to financial issues and move out of the country.

They are: "Muckles" a very, very tall elegant gorgeous almost solid black coat Border Collie and "Circe" a friendly Catahoula leopard dog

We have been working with them through our TRAIN program for over a month now and are concerned that they will not be adopted together. They can be playful and energetic when in the yard together but are also quick to mellow and chill the way any good dog would. We are already offering free 6 months Heartworm prevention and would be willing to discuss additional aid if the right home came along as we long to have them stay together after all of these years. Please feel free to contact me at: [bcelephant@aol.com](mailto:bcelephant@aol.com) or Sharon at: [lutzite@verizon.net](mailto:lutzite@verizon.net) or the Humane Society of Tampa Bay on South Armenia at 876-7138 and ask for Tracy or Dana.  
Hope you can find someone to help!!!!

Betsy



### **A Boxer's (or any dog) Job...From Debbie White**

BATHROOMS - Always accompany guests to the bath room. It is not necessary

to do anything. Just sit & stare.

DOORS - Do not allow any closed doors ... in any room. To get the door opened, stand on hind legs & hammer with forepaws. Once door is opened, it's not necessary to use it. After you have ordered an outside door opened, stand half-way in & out & think about several things. This is particularly important during very cold weather, rain, snow, or mosquito season.

CHAIRS AND RUGS - If you have to throw up, get to an upholstered chair quickly ... jump up in their favorite comfy recliner if possible. Or if you cannot manage in time, get to an Oriental rug. If there is no Oriental rug, shag is good. When throwing up on the carpet, make sure you back up so it's as long as a human's bare foot.

HAMPERING - If one of your humans is engaged in any activity, and the other is idle, stay with the busy one. This is called helping, otherwise known as hampering. Following are the rules for hampering:

When supervising cooking, sit just behind the left heel of the cook. You cannot be seen and thereby stand a better chance of being stepped on and then having your human drop to their knees to comfort you and give you a yummy.

For book readers, get in close under the chin, between eyes and book --unless you can lie across the book itself and use it as a pillow.

When human is working at computer, do everything possible to distract them, including putting your head in their lap, then your front legs, then climb up into their lap, and lay in human's lap across arms, hampering any possible typing in progress.

WALKING - As often as possible, dart quickly & as close as possible in front of the human... especially on stairs, when they have something in their arms, in the dark & when they first get up in the morning. This will help their co-ordination skills.

BEDTIME - Always sleep on the human at night so he/she cannot move around. Also shift positions every ten minutes or so, and stretch and groan loudly every time you move. And don't forget to snore loudly.

**Congratulations to Our Graduates!**

## Super Puppy:

Cathy Miranda & Cody (All American)  
Jackie Garvin & Belle (Basset Hound)  
Angelica Sowash & Dexter (Labradoodle)  
Melissa Vannoy & Micah (Sheltie)  
Maggie Green & Jacko (Papillon)  
Catherine Chandler & Jacob (Tibetan Terrier)  
Amy Wynne & Copper (Shepherd Mix)  
Steve & Diane Gregory with Georgia (Lab)  
Diane Smith & Miss Jackson (Pomeranian)  
Molly Farmer & Maiya (Miniature Schnauzer)  
Kelli Hayes & Seven (Australian Shepherd)  
Kathy Brown & Flash (Rat Terrier)  
Janice Thomas & Ziva (Sheltie)

## **Class Schedule**

### Monday:

6:15 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting September 14, 2009)  
7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (next class starting October 12, 2009)  
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 October 14, 2009)  
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 8, 2009)  
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