

Hi Everybody!

Dog show season is starting up and we have two trials in the works. Our USDAA trial of October 1, 2 & 3 is coming up fast, and that's the one we will need lots of help with! USDAA requires all the equipment so we need lots of help loading up the truck.

We will be loading the truck on Friday, the 1st, at 10AM. We will only have a 9 to 10AM class that Friday. We need to get the truck loaded up quickly and to the arena because we will start running Friday afternoon. This time we are having all three Tournaments: Grand Prix, Steeplechase, and Dog Agility Masters. All the people that help load the truck will get a 4 week class card. Those people that go to the arena in Palmetto to help set up the rings will get an 8 week class card. We need your help!

If you are new students and would like to see a Dog Agility competition, this will be the one to attend. We will have some of the top dogs in Florida competing. The show will be at the Mosaic Arena in Palmetto. Directions to the arena are in my website, there are very comfortable bleachers, and admission is free.

On Thanksgiving weekend, is my NADAC trial. That premium has now been approved and is available for downloading at my website. NADAC is a very fun venue, and great for novice dogs and handlers. It's different from USDAA, in that it's very laid back, relaxed, and very fast!

No Classes

There will be no classes on Thursday, September 23 & Friday, September 24

New Advanced Obedience Classes Starting Soon!!!

Susi Kirkpatrick will be teaching two new Obedience class on Wednesday mornings beginning September 15:

Attention, heeling and recalls.

Thinking about competing in the near future with your dog in Rally or Obedience, even agility? The reasons why most dogs in the novice level fail and what frustrates their owner's the most boils down to a basic lack of attention. Teaching your dog to pay attention to you makes showing and training in general much more fun! Pivot's, the back-up three steps will be introduced and also the advanced skills of targeting for go-outs and the dumbbell hold.

Jumping and Retrieving !

Directed Jumping, the Broad jump, retrieves over the high and the flat PLUS beginning scent article work.

No scent articles yet ... not a problem you can still teach your dog how to use his

nose.

Requirements: Dogs should have complete either a basic obedience or agility class, be very stable and polite around other dogs, or competing in Rally.

Price: Six weeks \$50 limited to six students each.

For more detailed information, and to reserve your spot, please contact Susi directly at: Krakr4Sibe@aol.com.

Great Seminar

IPOC is bringing Marcus Topps for a seminar on December 4 & 5. This is the weekend of the AKC Agility Invitational, so I will not be able to attend, but I highly recommend it. The title of the workshop is "From the Ground Up." Marcus will cover his unique foundation training for tight turns and efficient lines between obstacles. These strategies have made Marcus and Juice (his BC) an unstoppable team. He was a member of both the AKC and USDAA world teams for several years. There are only auditing spots left. For more information contact Jean Rodoski at jmarshep@gmail.com.

Webinar Presented by Doggone Holistic

Calming Alternatives for Pets

Wednesday, September 8th at 8 pm eastern / 7 pm central

Dogs show indications of anxious behavior in a variety of ways. The signs can be as subtle as an animal being shy or clingy or as severe as separation anxiety or fear aggression. Owners are increasingly trying to find relief for their dogs (and themselves) without sedating them and taking away from their unique personalities!

-Gain an understanding of what causes a pet's anxious behavior

-Learn how to handle behavioral issues without the use of sedatives or tranquilizers

-Discover how to make the world a less stressful place for your pets.

-Get the opportunity to talk with Chris Bessent, DVM, holistic veterinarian and founder of Herbsmith Inc.

Visit www.herbsmithinc.com/webinars.asp
to register for this FREE Webinar!

Update on Finn

Well Finn has a wonderful new home. She was adopted by a coworker of Alyce Stewart's husband. It's a young, active couple. Finn now has a big yard, a pool, another 4 legged friend by the name of Marley to play with, and plays ball and swims to her heart's content.

Elkhound Puppy needs a home

_From Michele Taylor:

Hello,

I currently have a female Elk-hound in need of placement. I contacted the Florida representative, Cindy, and she is unable to take her at this time. She suggested I contact you for help. We got Nova 6 weeks ago from a friend who's kids were allergic, they got her from someone the husband worked with. As a puppy Nova was apparently kicked in the right leg, fracturing the ball and socket. She underwent an AFO repair and now has a limp.

She is a sweet, well behaved, housebroken, loving 11 month old girl. I would keep her, but 2 of my 3 dogs are not getting along with her. The fighting has gone from occasional to almost daily, and I'm afraid she will end up hurt. I have tried to place her on my own, but have been unable to find her a new home. She has been tossed around so much it makes me sad. I brought her current on exam and vaccinations, treated her for fleas, all she needs now is a new home where she's not being challenged by the other dogs. She has been great with them, never instigated the fights once. they are just so jealous since she arrived.

I hope you can help as I do not want to see her go into any of our local shelters, she's a great dog. I'm grasping at straws at this point, not sure who to turn to for help. You can reach me by email or phone 239-470-1597. I did call the rescue phone number and leave a message as well.

Michelle Taylor

Crate for Sale

Ruth and Barbara from the Wednesday puppy class are selling their puppy Lilly's crate, as Lilly has outgrown it. The crate is 23 1/2" long, 20" wide and 16" wide. They are asking \$20 for it. The crate is wire with a pan. If you need a crate, this is a bargain at that price! Call Barbara and Ruth at 813-988-1022.

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:

9:00 to 11:00AM -Advanced Obedience Classes (Starting September 15, 2010)
6:15 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy class (Next class starting September 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

Congratulations to Our Latest Graduates:

Basic Obedience:

Steve Quinn & Jasmine (Boxer)
Amy Destrehan's & Rudy (All American)
Julie Martinez & Tebow (Sheltie)
Craig Ross & Teri Kelly with Nixi (German Shepherd)
Rod Kuehl & Bam Bam (Swedish Valhund)

Super Puppy

Chris La Russa & Molly (Shorkie)
Shelly McManus & Edward (Labradoodle)
Katie Schifferli & Tag (German Shepherd)
Kyle Paladini & Murphy (Aussie)
Charlotte Hall & Spartacus (Irish Setter)

Basic Agility

Sarah Miller & Malikai (All American)
Kathleen Thomas & Riley (Collie)
Cindy Martin & Stryker (German Shepherd)
Janet Hoke & Mei Mei (All American)
Steve Quinn & Jasmine (Boxer)

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

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