

Hi Everybody!

Agility season is now officially started. How exciting for those of you competing for the first time! I like to tell all my new people to please have fun with your dogs. Remember, they are doing it for you, so your attitude is very important. It's OK to be nervous...heck, if there are no butterflies, it's no fun! But if you don't qualify the first time out, it's not the end of the world. Use your mistakes to learn what you still have to work on!

Do not become discouraged by criticism of people who have no business telling you what you did wrong without your asking. They don't know the full story of your journey getting where you are. Some people are natural critics, and enjoy putting other people down. I call these toxic individuals, and do my best to stay away from them. In time, you will learn who to ask advice from, and who to turn a deaf ear to. Lisa Schmeling had this on her Facebook wall when one of our friends was criticized because his dog did not perform well at a competition:

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; because there is not effort without error and shortcomings; but who does actually strive to do the deed; who knows the great enthusiasm, the great devotion, who spends himself in a worthy cause, who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement and who at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly. So that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

~ Theodore Roosevelt

### **NADAC Agility Trial**

Our November 24 & 25 Agility is fast approaching. It will be held right here at the school. We have a wonderful concession; The Great Pyrenees Rescue. We will have some nice vendors and if you would like a vending spot, contact me.

Mary Quinn is working diligently on resurfacing our contacts...they will all be rubberized! After this show, Mary will be offering rubberized contacts for her customers as well.

Our judge is Jackie Loeaser (we love her!) and we will have all the regular classes and games. The tentative schedule of classes is on the website, as well as the premium: [www.coolcritters.com](http://www.coolcritters.com)

### **Dogs Unleashed in The Parking Area**

Our neighbor across the street is concerned that some people are having their dogs unleashed in the parking area in front of the school. They have cats, and a couple of times dogs have run to their yard to chase their cats! We have to avoid this at all costs as I have a very good relationship with my neighbors, and want to keep it that way.

All dogs MUST be kept on leash when they are outside the fenced fields. No matter how well behaved a dog is, it will; have the chase instinct and it runs, they will chase it...so, all dogs MUST BE leashed in the parking area up front.

### **No Class Days**

We will have no classes on Thursday, October 25, and Friday, October 26. Also no classes on Friday, November 2.

### **Information on Hill's Science Diet**

Hill's Pet Nutrition has announced they are reformulating their pet foods, but don't get too hopeful. A newly approved patent acquired by Hill's might be adding plastic (low density polyethylene) to pet foods real soon.

From a press release posted on the [PetFoodIndustry.com](http://PetFoodIndustry.com) website "*Hill's Pet Nutrition will reformulate its Science Diet dogs and cat foods to add more natural ingredients.*" What's interesting, Hill's states they "*made the decision to reformulate the Science Diet petfoods because some consumers were making product choices based primarily on a set criteria for ingredients, rather than the overall promise of nutrition and clinical research.*" I interpret this statement as 'we are going to reformulate our pet foods based on what will sell, not on the science we've believed in for years.'

<http://truthaboutpetfood.com/articles/plastic-coated-pet-food-kibble.html>

### **From Kelli Hayes and Pasco Paws:**

Hi everyone!

I just wanted to send out a reminder about our upcoming events.

September 28-30 is the Florida Australian Shepherd Association's ASCA agility trial. ASCA is open to all breeds, your dog does not have to be registered with ASCA to compete, training in the ring is allowed, and day of show entries will be accepted. Sounds like a great training opportunity to me!!! (Especially training for the CPE trial!!)

October 12-14 is the Pasco Paws CPE trial. We will have each game offered twice over the three day weekend, and one round of standard each day. CPE is a lot of fun! You do not even have to start in level 1 either.

Entries are being accepted for both of these trials. Please forward this information to anyone you deem appropriate too.

Website for the Florida Australian Shepherd Association [www.fasaaussie.com](http://www.fasaaussie.com)

Website for Pasco Paws [www.pascopaws.com](http://www.pascopaws.com)

I can also send out paper copies of the premium lists, just let me know.

Thanks for supporting our events!!

Kelli Hayes

I will be there!...Ileana

### **Aliquity Dog Fest**

The Aliquity Group is hosting their annual Dog Fest on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at Circa FishHawk. See below for sponsor and vendor opportunities. Please note that Non-Profit groups can attend at no cost!

Aliquity hosts events that focus on connecting business owners to their communities, while supporting local charities. Business owners may pay a vendor fee to have a presence at an Aliquity event, or become an Aliquity Community Partner, and participate in all Aliquity events without a vendor fee.

Annual events hosted by Aliquity include Dog Fest, The Jingle Run At Bell Creek, and Chili Fest.

Because Aliquity is a 501(c)3 corporation, all donations to Aliquity are tax deductible. We also welcome volunteers to help with our events, and we can certify service hours for students.

Aliquity's website: <http://www.aliquity.com>

### **HCADA's Come Howl with Us:**

Hillsborough County Anti Drug Alliance is having a Halloween Event for people and their pets at Lowry Park on October 27, from 10AM to 1PM. They will

be having a 1 mile walk, in which pets are welcome (\$10 for adults), a pet fair, costume contest, food vendors and activities for children. Sponsorships and vendor spaces are still available.

For more information visit their website at: [www.hcada.com](http://www.hcada.com)

### **From Lesa Phillips**

A beautiful Rat Terrier, named Olivia, was recently saved by Almost Home Rescue preventing her from being put down...while very pregnant. She had her pups two weeks ago. I'm hoping you and your students may know of some Rat Terrier enthusiasts who may be interested. The pups are looking like they may be purebred too!

Below are pictures and here is the info for the rescue. Olivia and her babies are not listed yet on the adoptable pets.

### **ALMOST HOME RESCUE**

**PO Box 213**

**Terra Ceia, FL 34250**

**Phone: 941-704-4765**

**Email: [AlmostHomeRescue@gmail.com](mailto:AlmostHomeRescue@gmail.com)**

[www.AlmostHomeFlorida.com](http://www.AlmostHomeFlorida.com)

MaryLu Kinlaw with Almost Home Rescue will be happy to tell anyone more about this family in need. They are being fostered in northern Manatee County (Terra Ceia).

### **Congratulations to Our Latest Graduates:**

#### Super Puppy:

Lori McDaniel & Dodger (Shepherd/lab mix)

Cleon Lawrence & Toby (Cockapoo)

Bob Spillers & Daz (Weimaraner)

Doug Rowe & Gypsy (German Shepherd)

Bonnie Rowe & DJ (German Shepherd)

Debbie Hamilton & Peyton (Tibetan Terrier)

Sandy Dotson & Chloe (Tibetan Terrier)

Mary Rothering & Gator (Standard Poodle)

Debra Bradford & Captain (Rough Collie)

Jennifer Sims & Midnight (Portuguese Water Dog)

Sarah Follstad & Keno (Aussie)

Heidi Pitts & Graehm (Aussie)

Sandra Ayers & Piper (All American)  
Martha Oddo & Dixie (Catahoula)  
Louis & Debbie Vilar with Benny (Labrador)  
Shelton Kin & Penny (Aussie)  
Barbara King & Patches (Aussie)  
Laurie Bello & Sammy (Sheltie-Tzu)  
Sarah Mann & Sajec (Schnoodle)  
Alicia Wynn & Toby (Lab Mix)  
Patti Leonard & Darla (Basset Hound)  
Peighton Beall & Keilo (Aussie)  
Ashburn girls & Jax (Labrador)

### **Class Schedule**

Monday:

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting October 15, 2012)  
7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (next class starting October 15, 2012)  
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 - Distance work class  
7:00 PM Masters / Excellent Level Agility

Wednesday:

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy class (Next class starting November 7, 2012)  
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 4, 2012)  
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

