

Hi Everybody!

It's the busy time of the year and we have several events coming up. This coming weekend, February 26 & 27 is our Teacup Dogs trial. This is for dogs under 17" at the shoulder. The dogs will jump 4", 8", 12", and 16". The 4" & 8" dogs rule in this venue. The classes are Standard, and several games. Teacup has lots of games, and it's difficult to choose every year because they are so much fun. We are having day of show entries from 7:45 to 8:30AM, and we will have FEO entries, that means for practice only.

The premium for our April 23 & 24 NADAC trial is up on the website, if you want a printed premium or a premium emailed to you please let me know.

On Saturday, March 26, we are having a doggy fun day hosted by the Mid Florida Cavalier King Charles Club. It will be open to all breeds and we will be having lots of fun events as well as health testing. Dr. Wolfe, Veterinary Ophthalmologist will be doing CERF's, and Dr. Spiers, Veterinary Cardiologist will be testing hearts. CERF's will be \$30, and Heart Checks will be \$40. If you would like your dog tested, please let me know ASAP, so that we can assign times. People have signed up already for these tests!

Hopefully, all the Agility students have checked to make sure their name is in the school roster on the Bulletin Board in the website. The School Rosters for DACOF (Dog Agility Competition of Florida) are due March 1. DACOF is a competition between clubs and I will be giving you more information about this fun event later.

No Classes

We will have no class on Friday, March 4. This is the weekend of IPOC's AKC trial.

Over the Rainbow Bridge

Hiroko and Bill Williams lost their beloved Cody this past month. Cody was a young dog, and his passing came vary suddenly. He succumbed to a fast growing tumor. All dogs are special, but our first Agility dog is extra special. Hiroko learned agility with Cody, and his loss will leave a void in her heart.

From Kristy Layton (Teal's Mom)

I would like to personally invite you to consider sponsorship, auction item donation or attendance to a new annual event in our community to benefit local animal rescue groups. I feel this is a non-profit group that is in high demand in our community, but at the same time is often overlooked when our businesses are deciding on donations throughout the year. This event is presented by: Timberlane Pet Hospital & Resort, Sisters & Company, HCC Veterinary Technology Program,

Charleene Closshey and Jennifer & Charles Closshey.

The Fundraising event is called Fashion, Feathers & Fur and will raise money to benefit four local animal rescue groups (Florida Parrot Rescue, Florida Boxer Rescue, Cat Call & Pit Stop Bully Rescue). All of these groups carry a 501c3 so your donation is tax deductible. Our master of ceremonies for the evening will be Chip Carter from Fox 13 News. We will have a fashion show with local celebrities as well as adorable adoptable animals from these rescue groups. All of the animals at the event will also be up for adoption, so if you are looking for a new furry or feathered family member, here is your chance to see some of these animals up close and personal in a fun, festive atmosphere!!

There will be a silent and live auction to raise funds for the day to day care and medical treatments that these animals require to feel better and be able to find forever homes. We will have a delicious dinner and for dessert, we have a few local celebrities as our chefs! Some of these celebrities are: Bruce & Margaret Rodwell, Marion Smith, Paul Davis & Jennifer Closshey!!! We are also asking for sponsorships and auction item donations from area businesses that would like to advertise their business as well as help out a wonderful cause at the same time. A win-win for everyone!! Please review the sponsorship opportunities on the [Save The Date Form](#) or check out all of the information on the event at our website www.FashionFeathersAndFur.com Please email me (christydvm@timberlanevet.com) with which sponsorship option you would like to choose for your business, or if you prefer; you can let us know what type of auction item you would like to donate to this paws-itively purr-fect cause!!

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A message from Jessie Ward with Animal Planet's - DOGS 101.

Powderhouse Productions is currently in production of Season 4 of DOGS 101, a series for Animal Planet. DOGS 101 is the television encyclopedia of dog breeds. Each episode explores the history, purpose, temperament, amazing accomplishments, and curious facts about specific dog breeds.

A crucial theme of the series is the powerful love, the intense emotional bond that forms between dogs and their humans. We are looking for uplifting human-interest stories that are outside the norm to be featured on our upcoming season of DOGS 101. Because this is our 4th season, these stories look beyond the basic show dog, breeder stories, or general therapy dogs and focus on amazing feats, talents, strengths, or the special relationships between a dog and its owner.

With that being said, do know of anyone who owns any of the below **breeds** that we might want to contact to see if they would be a good fit on our programming because they have an amazing story about their dog? If so, please call or email me ASAP with their information.

PLEASE NOTE, we are only looking for the following breeds:

- Bluetick Coonhound
- Dogo Argentino
- Tibetan Terrier
- Belgian Malinois
- Clumber Spaniel
- Canaan Dog
- Border Terrier
- Bouviers des Flandres
- English Setter
- Miniature Bull Terrier
- Kuvaszok
- Otterhound
- Staffordshire Bull Terrier
- Norwegian Elkhound
- Nova Scotia Duck Tolling retriever
- Lowchen
- Bedlington Terrier
- Ibizan Hound
- Japanese Chin
- Plott
- Flat-Coated Retriever
- Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen
- Kerry Blue terrier
- American Foxhound
- Mi-Ki
- Icelandic Sheepdog
- Redbone Coonhound
- Scottish Deerhound

Some stories ideas include but are NOT limited to:

- A famous person who owns ONE OF THE ABOVE BREEDS and is passionate about the breed
- ONE OF THE ABOVE BREEDS that has starred in a film, television,

- commercial, musical, ect - yes the dog is the star!
- ONE OF THE ABOVE BREEDS that goes to work with their owner everyday and the dog helps activity run the business
 - ONE OF THE ABOVE BREEDS that have an unusually best friend (a monkey, pig, ect.)
 - A couple that have met through ONE OF THE ABOVE BREEDS and are now dating because of their dogs
 - A college student who lives in a pet friendly dorm and lives with ONE OF THE ABOVE BREED
 - ONE OF THE ABOVE BREEDS that create art themselves - yes the dog creates the art!
 - ONE OF THE ABOVE BREEDS that is a therapy dog that works with one particular person or a specific group where this dog has dramatically changed their life.
 - ONE OF THE ABOVE BREEDS who physically saved someones life (in a fire, out of a river, ect.)
 - Researchers who own ONE OF THE ABOVE BREEDS and are humanly studying the breed to solve hidden questions about the breed to fix health problems.
 - ANY STORIES about ONE OF THE ABOVE BREEDS that you find amazing!

Thank you so much for your time and expertise. I hope to hear from you soon!

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4-H Fun Dog Show & Game Day

March 12, 2011 Covered Horse Arena, FL State Fairgrounds, Tampa

Check in from 9:00-9:45 Classes Begin at 10:00 AM

ENTRY FEE: \$10.00 per dog for all classes NO DOG LIMIT

Pre-Entry Bonus: Send in your entry & fees postmarked by **March 5th** and receive a **dog toy and 3 raffle tickets** at check in!!!

Day of entries also accepted for **\$10.00.**

4-H Members, Adults & Cloverbuds are welcome to participate!

We intend to provide a **FUN and educational day for all participants and their dogs!**

There will be multiple types of Rally Games, Agility Games **and More!** Enjoy a relaxed day in a non competitive atmosphere- while you and your dog learn NEW skills that will help you *in future competitions!*

Come Join The Fun!!!

Name _____ Age (as of Sept. 1, 2010) _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ ****E-MAIL** _____

Dog's Name _____ Dog's Breed _____

Dog's Age (D.O.B.) _____ Jump Height: 4" 8" 12" 16" 20" 24"

***Please Note: A Separate Entry Form Is Required For Each Dog Entered.**

***Note: Confirmations will be sent via e-mail only,** please supply your **e-mail**

Give us your age group and experience level when you sign up, then **you can participate**

in ALL GAMES! Please indicate your age & experience level below:

Age Groups: Cloverbud (6-7) Junior (8-10) Intermediate (11-13) Senior (14-18)

 Jr. Intermediate Sr Cloverbud Adult

Experience Level: Beginner (*new* to shows) **Intermediate** (have shown a few times)

Advanced (shows & places frequently in 4-H or AKC Shows)

 Beginner **Intermediate** **Advanced**

PLEASE NOTE: This show is run in accordance with **Florida 4-H Dog Show rules** listed on the Florida 4-H Dog Project website at: www.FL4-H-Dog.com . The Show management reserves the right to cancel or combine classes *as needed*. **ALL ENTRIES ARE FINAL.** Sending in an entry constitutes your agreement to abide by the rules of this show.

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per dog Total Enclosed: _____

Please make check payable to: Hills. Co. 4-H Dog Project, and mail to:

Hills. Co. 4-H Dog Project, C/O Sally Manning 4424 Lakewood Dr. Seffner FL 33584

For more information: Sally Manning horsepny@tampabay.rr.com or (813)967-1931

This Month we Have Several Dogs in Need of Homes

From: Janice Rudolph <JRudolph@aol.com>

Janey, an 11 mth old sweet girl, a Swiss Mountain mix just under 50 lbs, lab shaped head & body, is a great dog, friendly & loving, will sit on your lap for hours, after she has some exercise . She's completely housebroken, no behavior problems, BUT she'd like to be the only dog UNLESS you have male dogs her size or bigger. She tends to pick on female dogs & small breeds, loves kids. I can't find a foster home that is dog free, so please forward to everyone you know. She was rescued in Miami when her owner was deployed to the war. Her current foster can no longer keep her. I'll pay all expenses for a foster home. This girl is such a Lover, so happy & friendly, & very pretty & distinctive looking ...PLEASE HELP, it

would absolutely be tragic for this precious young lady to end up in a shelter. First choice would be a home of her own, second choice would be a safe & loving foster home while I market her. She's free to any loving home (all vetted, vacc, spayed, microchipped, etc)

From Karyn & Ryan:

Koda a male; tan blk sbl pink, 9/13/05, UKC reg # P 459-834 and **Tandy** a female; tan pink, 12/27/2004, UKC reg # P433-222. They have been spayed and neutered.

Koda is a nut, lol, he loves to chase a ball and will do so till he drops. Tandy is more prissy and doesn't care for the outdoor active stuff like Koda. She prefers to sleep on the window ledge sunning on a pillow all day. Both are completely housebroken, well behaved and good with other animals. Tandy has even cared for two very young kittens on separate occasions as if they were hers--cleaning them, stimulating them to have a BM and protecting them. Tandy's only bad vice is she loves to steal socks or clothing if left on the ground and will sometimes chew them. Otherwise they are great well behaved dogs! If you know of anyone who would be interested in either one. They can be placed separately, as they attach to people more than other dogs. Koda prefers guys, while Tandy will take to anyone, both are sweet and will bond and love with a new owner without a problem if given love back.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Phone 954-540-3361 cell 954-433-5313 home, Karyn lives in Pembroke Pines, FL, but has no problem driving them anywhere within central or south Florida. Please let her know if you can assist in any way.

From Rhea Houston (rhea@tampabay.rr.com)

Do you know anyone I could contact that may be interested in a golden retriever? One of the ladies at the Knitting Club at the Library is moving to NC and they can't have a dog. They are heartbroken and would like to find a good home for her. She is 3 years old, spayed and her name is Flossie.

Here is what the owner sent to me about her:

"Flossie is 3 and a real sweetheart. Gets along with everyone and is a real push-over. She is in the middle as to color, kind of a buff yellow. She is absolutely nuts for squeaky toys and any toys that make noise. She loves water and the usual golden stuff but she does need discipline. She does not have any formal training and I think she would love the work. Her health is perfect though she does get an occasional hot spot."

From Vikki Egan (k9daze@yahoo.com)

Do you know anyone that may be looking for a Jack Russell? A friend of my niece needs to find her 7 year old Jack a home. Really needs a single dog home with no

small kids.

What Everyone Should Know About Electronic Collars

This month we have an article by a guest writer, Margaret Clay. Margaret writes for www.dogtrainingcareer.net, a blog to inform dog trainers and help folks who want to become professional dog trainers.

She has sent us a very interesting article presenting the facts...the pros and cons of electronic collars, a very controversial subject in dog training today. What this article does, is show the positive and negative sides of this type of training, so that we can make up our own minds. It does not give us a preference either way, just the facts!

What Everyone Ought to Know About E-Collars for Dog Training:

The world is moving to a new direction by ensuring that everything is attached with technology. As well as for dog training, which is becoming more technological. Electronic collars have been developed to enhance dog training by exerting electron shocks that will act as simulation. The device comes with lots of advantages but trainers have also experienced disadvantages in some areas.

Author's Note: With this article I'm wanting to express the main pros and cons of electronic collars. It isn't my goal to convince the reader that E-Collars are good or harmful for dog training, I'm just attempting to report these concepts impartially.

Some benefits of E-Collars

- 1) They are Fast. The device has proven to be fast and less tiresome in training than traditional coercive methods; it is because shocks will only require a press of the collar button to generate simulation.
- 2) They are convenient. The remote controlled collars have ensured that training is possible even at longer distances. The price of these devices is affordable and less expensive when compared with hiring a professional trainer who takes a considerable time to train.
- 3) They can be easy to understand. Additionally, the use of the device is simple to understand and apply. Just read the provided user's manual.
- 4) They are effective. Most trainers state that e-collars are used as the best tool to punish the dog.

The Disadvantages of E-Collars

For each advantage there is a disadvantage too.

- 1) They cause fear and anxiety. Several researches have proven how the shocks have created anxiety and stress to the dogs that might persist for a long time even after training is completed. This fact has been proved by postures of the dogs and their too quiet behavior after the training .
- 2) It might be a nuisance rather than a training practice.
- 3) They become useless if the dog is out of control. E-collars are often only partially efficient with certain types of dogs. This occurs when the dogs get uncontrollable.
- 4) They are vulnerable to defect. For example some models are not water proof to avoid undue transmission of electronic current.
- 5) You should check your dog's weight. In case of a mismatch between the dog's weight and the voltage required, an increased voltage will harm a less weighted dog and vice versa.

So what about you? Do you consider an e-collar a good dog training tool?

Class Schedule

Monday:

- 6:15 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting March 7, 2011)
- 7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (next class starting March 21, 2011)
- 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 10:00AM - Daytime Basic Agility
- 10:00 to 12:00AM - Advanced Obedience with Susi Kirkpatrick
- 6:15 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy class (Next class starting April 6, 2011)
- 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 March 11, 2011)
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