

Hi Everybody!

Well, the USDAA trial was a lot of work, but turned out a big success. It was the largest trial I've ever had with over 1000 runs over the weekend. I want to thank all the wonderful people who came to help, loading and unloading equipment, setting up and taking down rings at the arena, and helping during the show as well. We had many new people that came to help and got turned on to the sport!

USDAA is the most challenging of all the venues in agility, and can be quite intimidating to newbies. They now have a beginners program, which is a great introduction to the different classes. I am planning to schedule one here at my place sometime early next year. It will be a great opportunity to become familiar with USDAA games and rules.

On November 12 & 13, NADAC will be giving a "fun-raiser" here at the school. This is a great opportunity for students to introduce the new dogs to this particular venue which is really laid back and lots of fun. It will be a full trial and qualifying scores will count towards titles. This trial has to be entered through NADAC directly: http://www.nadac.com/nadac_premiums.htm. They will also be accepting day of show entries.

November 15, 16 & 17, Amanda Nelson from NADAC will be conducting a seminar on Foundation, Distance and Speed. This seminar will cover the building blocks to successful distance and directional handling. Additional focus will be placed on increasing your dogs speed and efficiency. Day 1 will cover the basics of how to teach directional skills and increase distance. Day 2 will find you working on mini sequences and incorporating distance. Day 3 will focus on running more technical sequences and courses. You will continue to add distance to your directional skills. The seminar is filled, however, auditing spots are \$40. Amanda is one of the most famous distance skills trainer in the country. For more information, contact NADAC: <http://www.nadac.com/afm/seminars.asp>.

The premiums for the Thanksgiving trial are approved and available online at the Coolcritters website, and I also have them here. This marks our 10 years of hosting NADAC trials and we want it to be really special. I would like to do a fundraising raffle to raise money to refinish the contact equipment with rubber surfacing. If you have items that can be donated for the raffle, please drop them by the school.

What Kind of Leash to Use?

This past month, I have encountered several instances where people brought an out of control large dog into a public place at the end of a retractable leash. While the retractable are great training devices, they do not offer any control for a dog that pulls hard and doesn't walk well on leash. They can actually be dangerous if the dogs suddenly lunge and you don't react fast enough to press

the button and keep them from taking off. In instances where you need to control your dog, please use a regular leash. It is much safer!

No Classes

There will be no classes on Thursday, October 27. Also, remember that the Friday morning agility classes have been changed to Tuesday mornings, for the next month, since there will be dog shows just about every Friday through November. We will also not be having morning classes the week of the NADAC seminar, November 15, 16, & 17.

Morning Puppy Class

I have a request for a Wednesday morning puppy class. I need three puppies at least. Anybody interested in a morning class?

Holiday Portraits

Joanne Bridges, owner of Furry Photography (www.furryfotography.com) will be doing Holiday portraits of your pets on Tuesday, October 25, from 4 to 8PM. Joanne does beautiful pet portraits as well as performance shots at the agility trials. Check out her website. Contact her directly for more information and to set up an appointment for Tuesday, that way we keep waiting to a minimum. Her telephone number is 863-577-9597. Her email is furryfotography@gmail.com

Joanne is doing a background which will have a Holiday theme, but will be appropriate for Hanukah as well as Christmas.

Need Good Homes

Dawn Beaty, a co-worker of Vikki Egan, is looking for a home for her 4 yr old blue merle Aussie. This dog is spayed. She also needs to place two horses in good homes. Please contact Dawn directly: dawn.b@cyprexx.com

Rex needs a forever home. If you or someone you now would be interested in helping Vicki place this mix breed rescue into a forever home, please contact Victoria directly at victoriakulig@gmail.com. Rex is about 4 months old He is now current on his shots and has had some very basic obedience training. He should pass the CGC test with no trouble. He is very smart and wants to please you. Victoria can answer any questions you might have

Priceless Quote From Donna Johnston:

For those of you who know how frustrating rescue work can be sometimes....I hope you enjoy this as much as I did.

The Best Response To An Owner Give Up

This is a quote from Jennifer Arnold's book entitled "Through a Dog's Eyes"
It is on page 35 in the chapter entitled "Children in Wolves' Clothing". I just had to pass it on.

We once had a woman come into Canine Assistants with a beautiful young black Lab. The woman explained that she and her husband had loved the dog like a child, until they had what she described as "a real child." Now, she claimed, they could no longer care for the dog and wanted us to take him. I was speechless. However, the volunteer standing with me was not. Very calmly, the volunteer asked, "Are you and your husband planning to have more than one child?"

The young woman replied, "We'd like to have at least two."
"Have you thought about how you will find a home for your first child once your second comes?" When the woman looked confused, the volunteer explained, "It seems you can love and care for only one being at a time, so I was wondering what you were planning to do with your firstborn when another child comes along."

From Jerry Manning, Universal Laws:

1.Law of Mechanical Repair - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee..

2.Law of Gravity - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

3. Law of Probability -The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

4.Law of Random Numbers - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.

5.Law of the Alibi- If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the very next morning you will have a flat tire.

6.Variation Law - If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now (works every time)..

7.Law of the Bath - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.

8. Law of Close Encounters -The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen

with.

9. Law of the Result - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.

10. Law of bio mechanics - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

11. Law of the Theater and Hockey Arena - At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies, and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.

12. The Coffee Law - As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

13. Murphy's Law of Lockers - If there are only two people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.

14. Law of Physical Surfaces - The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor, are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.

15. Law of Logical Argument - Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

16. Brown's Law of Physical Appearance - If the clothes fit, they're ugly.

17. Oliver's Law of Public Speaking - A closed mouth gathers no feet.

18. Wilson's Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy - As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it..

19. Doctors' Law - If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there you'll feel better. But don't make an appointment, and you'll stay sick.

Congratulations to Our Latest Graduates

Basic Obedience

Austin Davis & Bella (Jack Russell)

Pietra Donovan & Bubba (English Mastiff)
Tammy Moore & Mizu (Boxer)
Adrienne Swisher & Bogan (Sheltie)

Super Puppy

Brandi Flynn & Grace (Weimeraner)
Deanna Mattson-Laurent & Hunter (Golden Retriever)
Arthur Avery & Chevy (Labrador)
Chris Huntley & Cornbread (Australian Shepherd)
Ross & Denise Valenza & Bella (All American)
Jim & Suzanne Dabney & Louie (Aussiedoodle)
Misty Kimbrough & Chica (Cavalier King Charles)
Isaac Mangual & Kali (Australian Shepherd)
Amanda Saft & Raymond (Maltipoo)
Jay & Julie Dabney & Becker (Aussiedoodle)
Monica Eiermann & Murphy (Aussiedoodle)
Gwen Tomlinson & Jessie (Vizsla)

Class Schedule:

Monday:

6:15 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting November 14, 2011)
7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (next class starting October 31, 2011)
8:00 to 9:00 PM - Intermediate Agility

Tuesday:

9:00 AM to 10:30AM - Intermediate / Advanced Agility
6 to 7PM - Distance work class
7:00 PM Masters / Advanced Level Agility

Wednesday:

6:15 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy class (Next class starting October 19, 2011)
7:00 to 8:00 PM - Intermediate Agility
8:00 to 9:30 PM - Advanced K9 Nosework class

Thursday:

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Obedience (Next class starting December 1, 2011)
8:00 to 9:00 PM - Rally Obedience

Friday:

7:00 to 8:30PM - Beginning Nosework Class

...and now, time for a pause...

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