

# **CERNAK'S CANINE CENTER**

## **NEWSLETTER**

### **THE ACADEMY OF CANINE PERFORMING ARTS**

#### **WHERE STARS ARE MADE**

*February/March 2011*

#### **WELCOME SPRING!**

Spring is here and with that comes the pleasure of being able to train outside! (Naturally, when the weather is not cooperating with our outside plans, we will just move inside!) We have been busy getting our new training area ready to use and everything is right on schedule.

#### **CLASS REPORTS**

The February and March classes were so much fun! It has been exciting to see such growth in everyone's training skills. Seeing your dogs learn and enjoy learning is so awesome! Keep up the great work!

#### **NEW STUDENT**

I am happy to report that we have a new student, that arrived on January 31, 2011. Her name is Rebekah Lynn Johnston! Here she is being watched over by none other than the very talented "Ash."

So everyone please join me in welcoming little Bekah ....A Star Is Born!



*Ash taking care of "Baby Bekah." Photo by the Johnston Family.*

#### **BIRTHDAY WISHES!**

A very happy birthday to Austin Johnston who turned 13 on March 7<sup>th</sup>! It is a very special time when one hits those teenage years, and we wish Austin the BEST teenage years ever!

If anyone else has a birthday coming up please let me know!



*Austin Johnston with his dog McCoy. Photos by Ed Decker*

#### **COMPETITION RESULTS**

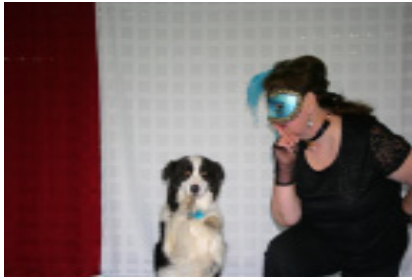
As everyone probably knows I have been waiting for my Canine Freestyle DVD competition results. I now have the results! Bolt and I received scores as follows: 8.80 for Technical Merit and 9.13 for Artistic Impression, I received a leg and this gives me his Beginners Title! Not only that, but we placed **FIRST!** If you would like to see our routine, here is the link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8z4CqgVZrpe>

(Please note the link is small but it should work. If not, go to my website at [www.cernakkennels.com](http://www.cernakkennels.com) or YouTube address: Debbi3053 to watch it.)

I have entered another DVD competition in the next level; Novice in Canine Freestyle with Bolt. It will be to the same routine of King of The Road, by Roger Miller. My Border Collie, Sky, is making her debut in a Heelwork To

**Music routine to Secret Love, by the Bee Gees.**



*Sky & Debbi Decker in costume for their routine to Secret Love, by the Bee Gees.*

**Kris Knight is making her debut competing in Canine Freestyle DVD competition with her Labrador Retriever, Jonee. Please wish us lots of luck!**



*Kris Knight and Jonee in costume for their routine to "Little Deuce Coupe, by the Beach Boys. Photo By Ed Decker*

**If anyone has results from competitions they have attended, please email me all the specifics, as well as any photos you may have (please include who the photographer was). I do know that Jill Perry and Debbi Houtz recently competed in some UKC events and received Legs/Titles. Congratulations Ladies!**

**UPCOMING CLASSES – SIGN UP NOW!**

**New classes will be starting the week of April 11. There will be classes available Monday through Thursday nights. Classes, as usual, will be determined by enrollment. So, please let me know as soon as possible what class(es) and days/times you are most interested in. I will do my best to schedule and coordinate those classes accordingly to meet your needs. Remember: classes are limited!**

**Here is the list of possible classes:**

- ENRICHMENT (Tricks)**
- AGILITY (Beginner)**
- AGILITY (Int/Adv)**
- TREIBBALL/BARREL RACING**
- RALLY (Beginner)**
- RALLY/K9DRESSAGE**
- CANINE FREESTYLE/ K9DRESSAGE**

**There are ongoing Canine Freestyle/K9Dressage classes Saturday mornings.**



**Please check with me on possible openings.**

**TRAINING TIP**

**Remember when we are training, WE “know” what the finished behavior is that we are training. The dog does not. So be sure to be patient and break the behavior down into steps and build on that. Think of it as painting a picture or even putting together a puzzle. Learn how to get and be “creative” in your training. It can be so amazing to see what can be created and be sure to let your dog create with you! watch and learn from your dog! What IS your dog telling you?**

**That is all for now, until next time- HAPPY TRAINING!**

**~Your Sensei**

