

CERNAK'S CANINE CENTER

NEWSLETTER

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WHERE STARS ARE MADE

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Well, here it is fall already! Time to start scheduling classes on the weekends! Naturally, I can still schedule classes during the weekdays for those who do not mind evenings in the winter months. So please let me know what class(es) you are interested enrolling in and what day(s) so I can schedule accordingly! For more class information with regards to pricing or types of classes offered, please refer to my website at: www.cernakkennels.com If you have any questions, please feel free to email me!

As you noticed this newsletter is for August and September. I am off schedule due to an accident I had at the end of August. Not only is the newsletter off schedule, but my competition schedule had to be cancelled out for the rest of this year. I am really looking forward to next years events! Is it next year yet?!!! Classes still continued on as well as the Fun In The Sun & Moon Party! Hey, the SHOW MUST GO ON! And now, for your viewing pleasure, please sit back, relax, read and enjoy this issue of the CCC Newsletter!!

BRAGS

Rachel Johnston went to the Agility trials in Enumclaw with her Keeshond, Ash (Ch Cascadia Once In A Blue Moon RA) and earned a leg in Novice JWW, also receiving a First Place!

Marci Snyder and her Golden Retriever, Gunther (Gunter Son Of Italy, CD, RN) earned another leg in Rally Advanced in Enumclaw and a Fourth Place. This leg gives him his Rally Advanced Title!

Debbi Houtz reports: Delilah (Standard Poodle) in Hillsboro, OR UKC R01 scores at Hillsboro, OR event: 91 (2nd leg, got 1 leg at Argus in March), 94 & 3rd Place (Title) 81 (4th Place, insurance leg)

Quinn (Standard Poodle)- UKC R01 scores same event 85 (1st Leg), 90 (2nd Leg), 83 (Title)

Fancibul Bijou Be Mine (French Bulldog) – UKC R01 scores same event: 100 & 2nd Place (1st Leg), 91 & 4th Place

(2nd Leg), 100 & 2nd Place (Title)



Bijou retrieving dumbbell. Photo by Debbi Houtz

All the dogs have their CGC. Bijou also has her UKC-CD and her ACK RN, RA, and RE. She was working on her RAE Title when her back went bad. She had one AKC Open leg and 2 UKC Open legs.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

BEST FRIENDS FOR- EVER TRUE LIFE STORIES

Best Friends Forever (BFF) should be a required class for everyone who owns a dog! Training isn't just for competitions and showing your pedigreed pet! I know this first hand because I am the proud owner of a once feral mutt! I found Cami (part Shepherd, Chow, Rottweiler, Reservation mix puppy) on a walk back in February of this year. It was a beautiful sunny day but very cold as I walked along a ditch bank through an orchard to get some fresh air. A scroungy dog and two little fur ball pups came out of the weeds and started following me but at a distance. I didn't stop to pet them because I didn't want them to follow me home. The mom was very thin but the pups looked healthy, I could tell she was still nursing. I watched from a distance as the mom took off after a mouse in the sagebrush to no avail. She was trying to live off the land and starving. I walked home alone but kept thinking about them. After talking with family and friends, that afternoon my son took food and water out to the area for them and left. The next day he returned with more food and water but only

one pup had survived the night (pretty sure coyotes got him).

We packed up the mom and her pup and took them home. That is how I met my Best Friend!

I had never thought about training Cami until a friend mentioned Cernak's and Debbi's training style. This sounded like something I wanted to at least try so we started with the "BFF Class". I was shocked and very excited to see how fast Cami and I started bonding and trusting one another through this class and how proud I was becoming of her. I didn't know I had rescued such a smart dog!

We both look forward to class every week and we will keep signing up for classes because they are fun! We don't have any plans to compete or show or enter contests but you never know! They say you excel at things you love to do (that is why Debbi is so good at this training stuff)!

Don't miss out on this wonderful adventure with your dog. After taking the BFF class you will be hooked! Gotta go now, Cami and I are practicing for the carpet race and we are both smiling!

Brenda Owens and Cami



Brenda Owens' best friend, Cami. Photo by Ed Decker

I found Lucky sitting on the shoulder of the highway, looking towards town. We stopped to see if we could get him to come to us. I lifted him into the car and could see that he was covered with blood and dirt. He was so dirty that I could not tell what kind of dog he was. My daughter and I took him to the vet. His feet were worn down to the bones, pads badly damaged, no nails left. He had scrapes on both sides of his face, and under his arm pits. The vet said he had been drug by a truck. After x-rays and a complete exam, the vet cleaned his feet and wrapped them in bandages, and treated his other wounds. He said he would need to come in every three days for six weeks to change his bandages. Lucky could barely walk. I could not leave him alone since he would try to get the bandages off so I took him to work with me every day. He would lay right by my desk. The bandage changes were extremely painful as they had to use alcohol to clean the wounds and then re-wrap his feet. It took a full six weeks for them to heal enough to take the bandages off. In the meantime, the vet and I called the pound and

checked the ads every day to see if the owner would show up. No one ever did. I am so glad that no one ever claimed him! I had the vet give him all his shots, neuter him, and chip him. Lucky and I had become friends.

I had heard about Debbi's classes through a friend at work. I decided to enroll him in her Best Friends Forever class (BFF). After that we went on to more classes at her facility: Agility, Rally, Freestyle, Enrichment and next ??? Lucky excelled in all of them! He is now eager to learn new things. He is constantly trying to figure out what I want him to do next! You can see him think. He is the smartest dog I have ever known!

Debbi is the reason for Lucky's success in training. She has had a ton of patience with me. I can see Lucky catch onto what she is teaching much faster than I catch on!

Lucky is very loving and devoted. I don't know why he was drug by a truck but I hope someday it can be against the law to put a dog in the back of a pick-up. Please spread the word that it is dangerous for the dogs, and is very irresponsible on the owners part. Dogs deserve to be protected and taken care of. They have unending devotion for their human companions and deserve the care that God intended for them.

Lucky's Lucky owner,

Colleen Morrison



Colleen's best friend, Lucky. Photo by Ed Decker

FUN IN THE SUN & MOON PARTY

The party went really well and I want to THANK my husband, Ed, very, very much for all his help in putting this on! Due to my severely sprained ankle I was unable to do anything but watch.

The evening started off with something entirely new and we will be pursuing more of

this new item, which is “doggie croquet!” Then we went on to our Carpet Races and Musical Spots (like musical chairs). The GRAND event of the evening was the Pet Star contest. The Judges were very impressed with the wide variety of behaviors the dogs could do!!! We would like to say THANK YOU to our Judges: Marion Kooyman, Sara Bicsak, and Randy Bicsak. We enjoyed having

you judge our event and all your wonderful comments and compliments were greatly appreciated by everyone! The winner of this contest was Greta, a Golden Retriever, owned, loved, and trained by Marci Snyder.

I want to personally congratulate each and every one of you who participated. You did such an AWESOME job!!!! WELL DONE!



Colleen Morrison and Lucky playing croquet (left) and Mary Luton and Jenny, Kris Knight and Meadow, and Marci Snyder and Gunther at the Carpet Races starting line (right).

Photos by Ed Decker



Marci Snyder and Greta, winners of the Pet Star Contest. Photo by Ed Decker

C O M I N G ATTRACTIONS!

Our Enrichment Class and Canine Freestyle Class are joining forces (so-to-speak!) in moves and routines for some upcoming mini-movies that will be posted to YouTube in November and December. It is time to share and showcase some of the wonderful work they are all doing with their dogs! So get ready to be entertained! Lights, Camera, ACTION... and some MUSIC please!

TRAINING TIP

Remember when training with the clicker, it is

“click” for movement, reward (deliver treat) in position. Where that reward/treat comes from is extremely important! For example: The dog is heeling and doing a great job. You “click,” and the dog immediately comes around to being in “front” of you...and you give the treat “there.” So you just made THAT “front” the BEST place to be, when in reality, you wanted your dog to stay in “heel position.” So what you can do from there, INSTEAD of delivering the treat there, just lure the dog back to heel position and deliver the

treat THERE (do not blame the dog, just get the dog to heel position quickly and let him/her know how great they are). Next time heel and click and deliver the treat quicker to avoid the dog coming around to the front. You will be making the HEEL position the BEST place to be and that is where the dog will stay as THAT is where the reward/treat is coming from. This is just one example, there are many more. Another one would be getting the dog to work at a distance. Yes, it has to do with where the reward/treat is coming from!

HAPPY TRAINING !

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