

CERNAK'S CANINE CENTER

NEWSLETTER

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COMPETITION NEWS

The month of May found Kris Knight and her Labrador Retriever, Jonee, making their debut in Canine Freestyle in Corvallis, Oregon. Their routine was to "Little Deuce Coupe," by the Beach Boys. In Canine Freestyle, one starts in the Beginners Level and to get a title, one needs two qualifying scores (legs). This competition was a two day titling event and Kris and Jonee indeed came home with a TITLE!

Also competing in Corvallis was Debbi Decker and Bolt, having received their Beginners Title via DVD competitions, they were entered into Novice, which requires three qualifying scores (legs). Saturday found them with a second place and Sunday with a first place. This routine, was to "King Of The Road," by Roger Miller. It was honored with a Standing Ovation!

At Canine Freestyle competitions there are also

special awards presented at the end of the weekend. There are two judges and each judge gets to pick out one routine. Debbi and Bolt were honored by one of the judges as having the "STAND OUT Routine" of the weekend! They also took home the Boot Stompin Fun Award!

In June, it was the Yakima Valley Kennel Club dog show, where there were a few of us competing in Rally and Obedience. In Obedience, Marci Snyder and her Golden Retriever, Gunther were awarded the Obedience HIGH IN TRIAL on Saturday!

Debbi Decker's Sheltie, Cap, placed first in Novice Rally, Jill Perry's Standard Poodle, Skye, placed second, and Debbi Decker's Border Collie, Burnie, placed third on Saturday. On Sunday, Jill's Skye placed first, Debbi's Burnie placed



Kris Knight and Jonee in costume displaying their ribbons and title trophy.

second and Debbi's Cap placed third in Rally Novice. Marci Snyder and Gunther took first place in Rally Advanced!

More news just received are the results of the last Canine Freestyle DVD competition. Kris and Jonee received another qualifying score (an extra leg for them!). Debbi and Bolt received a first place, therefore completing their Novice Title! Not only that but they received the Attila Challenge Trophy for High Technical Merit and High Artistic Merit and this means they received the highest scores in the competition, all levels!

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE!

OTHER NEWS

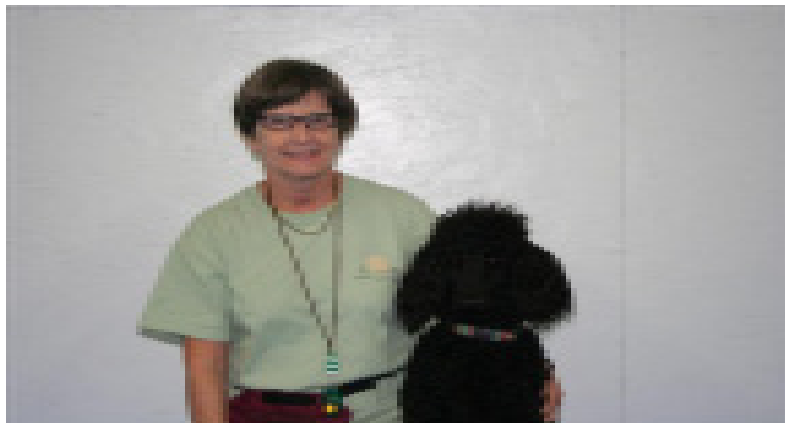
Kris Knight has a new puppy! She has an adorable Miniture Poodle, named "Kiss!" Her registered name is: Redfern's Twilight Kiss, bred by Pat Dart. So welcome to the Academy!

CLASSES

The report on classes is this: **AWESOME!** Need I say more?!



Marci Snyder and the very talented Gunther enjoy getting instructions in Treibball class they also excell in Rally and Obedience, getting HIGH IN TRIAL on Saturday, June 4, at the Yakima Valley Dog Show.



Jill Perry & Skye, Rally Novice First place at the Yakima Valley Dog Show, on Sunday, June 5.

One thing I do need to encourage you all to do is bring a notebook to class. It will be very helpful to write down specific information to help you with your training.

DOG DICTIONARY & TRAINING TIPS

To help you train your dogs, start a dog dictionary.

Write the word you use, then the definition. Describe EXACTLY what it means. If you know the meaning, it will help your dog understand what you want. YOU have to know what YOU want first before you can expect your dog to understand it! In other words, you are CLEAR in your

meaning and therefore your expectations.

The same thing with your hand and body cues; really **THINK** about them. What are you showing your dog? Be clear and have clean cues; be consistent. Watch yourself in a mirror.

Other things to remember: If you are hovering over your dog, they cannot see you, and you are not giving them any space. Stand up straight. Your back will also thank you for that too!

UPCOMING CLASSES

New classes will be starting soon! If you are interested in a class,

please let me know as soon as possible so I can put you on the list for that specific class! Classes that can be scheduled are:

- Agility
- Rally
- Canine Freestyle
- Enrichment (Tricks)
- BFF (Best Friends Forever/Basic Foundation Fun)
- Trieball/Barrell Racing

What gets scheduled depends on the sign up sheets! If you know of others who may be interested, please let them know. They will need to get their orientation scheduled before classes begin!

For more information on classes, please go to www.cernakkennels.com

Questions? Email: cernak@wabroadband.com

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HAPPY TRAINING !

