

CKC Spring Obedience & Agility Trial Coming to Georgia Dog Gym

On April 10th and 11th, Georgia Dog Gym will host our bi-annual Obedience and Agility Trial Sanctioned by the CKC. We will be offering Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced Levels of Obedience on both days. Saturday we will offer all levels of Novice Agility and Intermediate Agility. On Sunday we will have 3 Standard runs of Supreme Agility plus Supreme Agility Games: "Connect the Dots", "Rock, Paper, Scissors", and "Senility Agility". FEO (For Exhibition Only) runs will be available all weekend long. Agility will be run outdoors on grass and obedience will be run indoors on mats. Spectators are welcomed (along with their leashed and mannerly pets) and we will have a need for a number of volunteers for both days. (No experience necessary to volunteer & we will feed you free lunches!) Entry forms will soon be available on the events page at the www.GeorgiaDogGym.com and at www.ckcusa.com

Upcoming Events At GDG:

*March 13- Agility Run Thru's
March 13- Frisbee Fun Day*

*March 29- New 7 Week Basic
Training Class Begins*

April 10 & 11- CKC Trial

Regular Events:

Wednesday's- Agility Class

Friday's- Rally-O Class

New and Improved Basic Training Class

We have given a facelift to the Basic Training Class and we are looking forward to rolling out the new curriculum on March 29th, 2010 at 7pm, (the next start date for our training class). We have re-worked the course booklet, added a 7th week to the course, and will be including more focused instruction on Leadership, Management, and constructive approaches to dog behavior problems. We have also added two more commands: "Leave-it" and "Drop-It". Any alumni of Georgia Dog Gym's Basic Training Class are welcome to come to repeat this class. The charge for a new workbook for class alumni will be \$15. If you are attending as a repeat student, the first night of class will be a two-hour Orientation that we will conduct without the dogs.

NEW Rally-O Drop in Class at Georgia Dog Gym!

At Georgia Dog Gym, based on client requests, we have opened up a Rally-O class on Friday's at 7pm. Rally Obedience (Rally-O) is currently a type of obedience competition sanctioned by AKC and APDT. In June, ASCA will begin titling programs in Rally-O and Georgia Dog Gym

wants to encourage their students to participate. The Drop In class will cost \$10 for each dog. Each week, we will set up a Rally Course, familiarize ourselves with the course requirements and then we'll run through the courses with our dogs. Our second Rally-O Drop in was last Friday and we had a FULL HOUSE! We welcome any hobby or pro competitors to join us as well as those who have graduated a basic training program with their dogs.



Greater Atlanta Dog and Disc Club FROSTBITE CLINIC a SUCCESS

On February 27th, Georgia Dog Gym hosted the Frostbite Clinic for the Greater Atlanta Dog & Disc Club (GADDC). Several GADDC Club Members came out to help to coach those new to the sport in Basic Disc Throwing and to help get their dogs started in this fun sport. We had more than 18 people out with us for the day along with all sorts of dogs. It was a great experience and everyone learned a lot. The dogs had a blast! The GADDC hopes to grow their club and cultivate reliable volunteers for their disc dog tournaments. In an effort to help recruit new members for the GADDC, the Georgia Dog Gym will begin hosting **Frisbee Play Days** at our facility on a monthly schedule. Through the Frisbee Play Days we hope to be able to reach out and share the sport with more people who want to get started and need some help and



guidance. Our first **GDG Frisbee Play Day** will be Saturday March 13th from 10am to 1pm. We will have Frisbees available for purchase. We suggest that you bring a crate for your dog so that everyone can take turns throwing for their dogs. We will be accepting donations to GADDC in lieu of paying a fee to participate. All of the photos can be viewed at the following link: <http://picasaweb.google.com/112365475046120780736/FrostbiteClassic?feat=directlink>
Thanks to www.bethmitchellphoto.com for taking these great pictures!

Cyndy and her Monochromatic Friends Take Fun on the Road to Florida

On February 19th Cyndy Douan traveled to Bradenton, Florida to teach a weekend long agility and dog disc seminar for The Canine Coach, Michael Harvey. With the help of Riff, Tyler, and June; Cyndy taught the basic foundations of dog agility, basic disc throwing drills, and introductory freestyle dog disc skills. The weather was sunny and nearly 80 degrees throughout the weekend. There were some great dog and handler teams participating and the seminar was a great hit with them. Cyndy and Jeffrey enjoyed the chance to thaw out from the winter cold!



"The Monochromes"

Tyler (top)

June (left)

Riff (right)

Dog Agility Run-Thru's

Georgia Dog Gym will host agility run-thru's on Saturday, March 13th from 10am to 1pm. We will offer Novice and Master's nested courses indoors on a matted floor. Run-thru's will be \$5 for the first run and \$3 for each subsequent run. Spectators are welcome (along with leashed, mannerly dogs).

International Association of Canine Professionals Annual Conference



This month, Cyndy Douan will be traveling to Hutto, Texas to attend the IACP Annual Conference. Georgia Dog Gym will also be represented with a Booth at the conference where we will be selling selected Pro-Shop items and promoting our seminars. Cyndy is looking forward to continuing her education in dog behavior and training while there and is looking forward to meeting Temple Grandin. She is also excited to get there to visit with her friend Brother Christopher of the Monks of New Skete, as well as so many friends from all over the world who are also professional dog trainers.

Special Visits to the Georgia Dog Gym

Last month we hosted a field trip for Mrs. Bowers' Class from Armuchee Middle School. Cyndy gave some agility and frisbee demonstrations to the students as well as a tour of the facility. It was a big hit! This month Cyndy Douan will be instructing three dog behavior and training labs for Berry College Professor, Dr. Judith Wilson and her Animal Sciences Students. If you would like to arrange a Special Visit for your group, please contact Georgia Dog Gym and we will see about putting you on the schedule.



Happy
St. Patrick's Day!