

NEW!!!**PUPPY KINDERGARTEN****4 week group class for \$75!****Starts January 12, 2011 at 7pm**

Topics include housetraining, crate training, socialization, handling puppy behavior problems, leash walking, and teaching basic puppy commands like sit, down, and come. Healthy puppies 18 weeks and younger are welcome to attend.

**Floyd County Animal Control Suspends Volunteer Program**

Last week, the volunteers helping to get animals out of the Animal Control Facility through rescue and transport groups and posting animal photos on Petfinder.com so that they might be adopted, were asked to leave the facility. The Rome News Tribune reports that the halt to volunteer efforts was called due to a pending investigation of the facility by the Department of Agriculture Animal Protection Division. An Blog Post has been published at www.georgiadoggym.wordpress.com that lists the links for published articles on this topic as well as a few observations relevant to the matter. If you would like to read up on the story and leave a comment on the Blog, please feel free to do so. In the meantime, Georgia Dog Gym has a bulletin board full of flyers of dogs and cats who need homes.

NEXT BASIC TRAINING CLASS STARTS:**Monday, January 10, 2011 at 7pm**

While we would wish to start classes up in November and December, our experience has shown that the holidays and all the activities that the holidays bring makes it difficult for clients to attend class or practice homework regularly. We look forward to seeing you and your dogs for class in 2011. Make a New Year's Resolution to train your best friend!

**Saturday, November 12, 2010 from 10am to 3pm****PICTURES WITH SANTA CLAUS!!**

Santa is coming to Georgia Dog Gym and you won't want to miss getting your pet pictures with him!

Call 706-378-2275 to schedule an appointment.



Senior Dog needs a loving home!

This is Jack, or at least that's what we named him. Jack wandered up to the Dog Gym over a month ago with another dog who was claimed. We did have a lead on who he belonged to, but when we called the number, the person who answered the phone would not admit ownership of Jack. Jack is a really sweet boy and an easy keeper. We would like to find a great home for him, but he is getting tired of kennel life here and we wish that we could get him at least a foster home for now. Please call the Dog Gym if you can help.

Tyler passes Delta Society Pet Partners Test!

Janet McKenzie, a good client of the Georgia Dog Gym has been working to build a strong partnership with Tyler all summer long with the goal of being able to take Tyler with her on Pet Assisted Therapy Visits in the local area. The Janet/Tyler team tested for entry into the Delta Society Pet Partners Program on October 15th and passed the test successfully!! Janet looks forward to having Tyler accompany her on these visits!



Cyndy Douan and Riff and Beth Mitchell and Collin represent GDG at International Event!!

On October 22, Beth and Cyndy traveled to the Hilton Hotel in Downtown Atlanta to take part in a competition held during the Annual Association of Pet Dog Trainers Conference. Well over 1000 dog trainers from all over the world attended this Conference. Beth and Cyndy entered their dogs to compete in the APDT Rally Obedience Trials held during this international event.



Rally Obedience is a competitive dog event where a course is set by laying out various signs that describe various obedience behaviors like "Sit-Stay, Walk Around", "Call Front, Finish Left", "Halt, Stand". The course is judged based on the accuracy of the dog and handler moving through the course and

performing the obedience behaviors that are listed on each sign. There were two competitions that evening. In the first competition, Beth and Collin took **THIRD PLACE** and Cyndy and Riff took **FIRST PLACE!!**

In the second competition, there was a runoff for third place between Beth and another competitor showing a Labrador and a runoff for first place between Cyndy and another competitor showing a Portugese Water Dog. Beth finished the second show with a **Fourth Place** and Cyndy and Riff **WON THE SECOND SHOW** with another **First Place!!** This was quite a great accomplishment for Georgia Dog Gym and especially for Beth and Collin who had never before competed in a Rally Obedience Trial! We are very proud of our dogs and confident in our belief that our training really sets the bar for others to try to achieve!



BOARDING RESERVATIONS

Please book your holiday boarding reservations early in order to assure that your pets will have a spot here. If you book a reservation and end up not needing it we ask that you call us as soon as possible to cancel. We have been short of space in the past at holidays because of last minute no-shows. While we have considered implementing pre-payment systems for holiday boarding, we find that this penalizes our good clients who do show up when they are booked to bring their pets and may not help us get our clients that much needed boarding space when they need it the most.



Happy Thanksgiving to All!!

Remember your pet at Thanksgiving Day. He likes the good stuff too! We will have plenty of cans of Merrick Thanksgiving Day Dinner here at the Gym for you to pick up for your furry friends so that they can celebrate the holidays in a healthy way!

