

October 20, 2010

To all students and housecall participants-

I wanted to give you an update on class schedules and programs for the fall and winter. I have been busy training and running Keaton in AKC master hunter tests. He currently has 2 passes and needs 5 to qualify for the Master Hunter title. This is the highest achievable title in the AKC retriever hunt test program. Keaton is my first flatcoat to successfully qualify at this level and it has taken a lot of work to get to this point.

These tests are run over 2-3 days depending on the number of dogs entered and requires the dog to pass all three series. The series include a land series, a water series and a land /water series and includes double and triple retrieves and a minimum of 3 blinds(1 being a double blind)Blinds are birds that the dog does not see fall and the handler must use a series of hand signals and whistles to direct the dog to the bird. The dog must also sit quietly and watch another dog retrieve known as an honor.

Due to the difficulty of reaching this level, I have needed the extra time to train and travel for these events. The season ends October 31st and I plan on restarting classes November 2nd.

I will continue to offer the 6 week Puppy and Me class as an introductory level for socialization skills and basic household manners. It can be taken as a rotational class or run from class 1-6.

If needed, I will offer the power point presentation on basic puppy care and socialization on a monthly basis so all students can participate. This will be on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 in place of the regular puppy class. I will also offer the AKC Star Puppy Test to anyone who attended all 6 classes.

Any students who have finished a Puppy and Me can join the 6th class which is a review of all exercises for up to 1 year of completing the class. The fee is 7.00. Students must notify me if they would like to join us that night.

If there is an interest, I will also offer the Canine Good Citizens Class as a 6 week class. Anyone who wishes to achieve the CGC award, can take this test on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30. The test will cost 10.00.

I will also restart the training Tune-up class the first Tuesday of the month at 8 pm November 2nd. This will be an open class and dogs must bring proof of current vaccination and a negative stool sample. Fee is 10.00/dog. No dog aggressive dogs.

Private lessons can also be scheduled on Tuesday evening after the regular puppy class. These one on one sessions are 30.00 and must be scheduled with me ahead of time. Requirements are the same as the tune-up classes. These can NOT be done on the first Tuesday of the month.

I am hopeful that I can offer you a new opportunity to work with your pet. Please feel free to call me(431-2514) or send me an email(dr.kiley@vetpetcounseling.com) if questions or comments.

Thank you.

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Home of CH HR Pemberly's Go the Distance CD SH RE WCX, 2 master passes,
"Keaton"
and Pemberly Whistle While U Work, "Reagan"

Loved and sadly missed
CH Emanon Lincoln CD JH WC, "Lincoln"
CH HR U-CD Merganser's Flexible Flyer CDX SH AX OAJ RE WCX , Hall of Fame 2010
Inductee FCRSA, "Disney"