

Georgia Dog Gym Class Schedule

Next **Basic Dog Training Class** Starts Monday, May 23rd at 7pm. Cost is \$165.00

Next **Puppy Kindergarten** (Open to all healthy puppies less than 20 weeks old) starts Wednesday May 4th at 7pm. Cost is \$75.00

Beginner Agility Class meets on Thursdays at 6:30pm. Basic Obedience is required before enrolling. Cost is \$85 per six weeks of class.

Agility Run Throughs are held on Wednesday Evenings starting at 6:30pm. Run Throughs are open to agility students whose dogs are trained to run agility sequences/courses. These run throughs are open to agility competitors from other schools and clubs as well. Cost is \$6 for the first run and \$3 for each subsequent run.

Rally Obedience Run Throughs are held on Wednesday Evenings starting at 6:30pm. Cost is \$6 for the first run and \$3 for each subsequent run. If you are not yet familiar with Rally Obedience, you are welcome to come and watch others run through, ask questions, and then try a run through with your dog.

DOCK DIVING FIELD TRIP!

On Friday, May 20th from 5pm to 8pm Georgia Dog Gym dock divers will travel to the Canine Ranch in Canton, Georgia for a fun evening of dock diving practice. If you think your dog has what it takes to make BIG AIR and a BIG SPLASH, you are welcome to join us over at the Ranch and give dock diving a try with your dog. The cost is \$15 per person (if you are bringing dogs to play). Admission is FREE to spectators who want to watch the fun, but are not bringing a dog. Please RSVP to Cyndy at cspotsit@mindspring.com so that you can get on the list and get details on how to get there.



IN OTHER NEWS.....**IACP ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

On April 7, 2011, Cyndy Douan and Riff presented “Wings to Fly”, an introductory jumping skills workshop, for the International Association of Canine Professionals Annual Conference at the Mission Valley Hilton in San Diego, California. This was the second time that Cyndy Douan has presented at an international event. The workshop was filmed and should be available for purchase soon at www.tawzerdogvideos.com



Riff helps
with the GDG
Booth at the
IACP
Conference in
San Diego!

Cyndy Douan and Riff also did a film interview for River Road Creative. This production company is putting together a documentary film on the life of Dick Russell, a well known dog trainer from the Baton Rouge, Louisiana area and a good friend to Cyndy, who lost his battle to cancer in January of 2011. The movie trailer can be seen at <http://www.dickrusselldogtrainer.com/SitStay--The-Dick-Russell-Story.html> It requires Quicktime Software in order to be viewed. We will announce the movie’s release, hopefully by the end of the year.

The IACP Annual Conference in San Diego allowed Cyndy to network with other professionals and vendors as well as visit and catch up with old friends. Brother Christopher of the Monks of New Skete is very excited about the new kennel and training facility he is planning for the monastery and ask Cyndy for input and ideas on design for it.

Cyndy was able to meet Jeff King, the four time winner of the Iditerod at the IACP Conference. Jeff gave an excellent presentation which should soon be available at Tawzer Dog Videos. Jeff King can be seen online in an episode on dogs filmed for Modern Marvels. Go to <http://www.hulu.com/watch/225141/modern-marvels-dogs> It is amazing to watch the rearing and conditioning required to produce a dog team that can win the Iditerod. Jeff is an amazing man and definitely an example of strength, fortitude, and determination.



Left: Cyndy & Riff smile big for the camera after their workshop wraps at the IACP Conference.

Bottom Left: Cyndy in action explaining jumping training while Riff waits in the background for his next turn to demonstrate.

Bottom Right: Riff sports his personal name badge, allowing him access to all of the IACP Conference Events. Riff was a special guest for the event.

