

Highlights

- **Agility & Flyball how to's**
- **Soda – brains and beauty**
- **Upcoming local events**

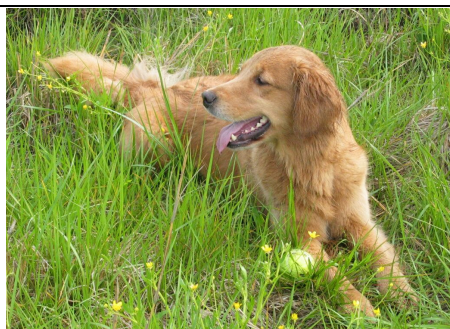
Meadowbrooke News

Meadowbrooke Kennel
Agility Center of East TN (ACET)

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Soda captures attention

When George Beck decided to get a second Golden Retriever, he sought out an established and reputable breed line. That's Soda's heritage. George and his first Golden, Scotch, set the bar by earning the equivalent of 4 Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH) titles and an amazing 7 Utility Dog Excellent (UDX) titles. They're awaiting an invitation to the National Obedience Championship.

Soda has just begun her career in obedience competition, and she's already turning heads. Not only has she achieved the first 2 major titles within a very short period of time, but she looks great doing it! She also got her Novice Rally title in 3 straight shows. Her second qualifying score in rally was also a 2nd place in a class of over 70 dogs. She barely missed 1st place, by only a tenth of a second!

Agility workshops

ACET's April seminar with Guy Blancke, international agility star, was extremely successful. Guy will be back for a series of workshops. Guy's teaching style and experience speak for themselves. Details of the workshops are at www.mbkennel.com/seminar.htm.

Lots of early summer events

Agility classes and parties

The summer agility schedule is in full swing at ACET. Beginning classes are being held on Wednesdays, 7:15-8:15 pm. Intermediate classes also meet on Wednesdays, 6-7 pm. The instructor is Ace Russell, whose Corgi, Ollie, was the first dog in East TN to earn the Master Agility Championship (MACH) title. Class details are at ACET's website, www.mbkennel.com/agility_classes.htm.

On Sundays, 3-6 pm, any agility team who's completed ACET's beginner course or who's actively trialing can gather for informal training sessions. These agility 'parties' don't include formal instruction. They're an excellent opportunity for participants at all levels to practice their skills, share training and handling suggestions, and meet with other agility fans.

Flyball, Show & Go weekend

Postponed from April 23 to June 18, Meadowbrooke is hosting a demo and introductory seminar to the sport of flyball. Competition flyball consists of a relay race between 2 teams of 4 dogs each. They race side by side down a row of jumps to a box, which releases a tennis ball when the dog lands on a low platform. With the tennis ball they speed back through the jumps, running past the next dog on the team, who's already racing toward the start line. Details are at www.mbkennel.com/flyball.htm.

On the next day, Sunday, June 19, Meadowbrooke will host informal agility and obedience matches called "Show & Go's". These popular events, open to the public, are run like an actual trial. Unlike formal events, competitors are permitted to train in the ring. Details are at www.mbkennel.com/show_and_go.htm.

Upcoming events

May 6-8	Decatur, AL	A
May 13-15	Fletcher, NC	A
May 20-22	Decatur, AL	A
May 21-22	Gray, TN	BO
May 28-29	Harriman, TN	BOR
June 4-5	Knoxville, TN	OR
June 11-12	Fletcher, NC	AB
June 11-12	Spartanburg, SC	OR
June 18-19	ACET (see text)	AFO
June 24-26	Murfreesboro, TN	A

A=Agility B=Breed F=Flyball O=Obedience R=Rally

Resources

Obedience

Monday classes starting May 9

Tuesday classes starting June 7

Private lessons

Boarding School

Agility

Wednesday evening classes (see text)

Private lessons

Boarding

Daily hours: 9-1 and 4-6 (Sunday: 4-6)

More Info

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