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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL NADAC TRIAL

Held this past weekend at the Caldwell Heritage Arena Thank you Jenny, Allison, Jeanne, Marilyn, all the volunteers for whom we could not have a trial and our judge, Jeff

CONGRATULATIONS! Lynn and Skye



NATCH bar and ribbon presentation April 23, 2016

Fonzie Joyce Angell

I guess it all started about three months ago. I was doing my usual playing and training with Fonzie in the backyard. I would send him over some jumps, doing flips and heres, and then throw the Air Kong squeaky tennis ball, his favorite. After a while, I noticed him slowing down. At the time, I thought he was just bored because that's all we seemed to do any more.

Days went by. I continued to throw the toy in the back yard for exercise. These days, that's about all I can do. I sit on a stool in the back yard and throw the toy. I take turns with Bob and Fonz. Bob is crazy about the squeaky toy. Then, for Fonz, I threw the toy and he just stood there and looked at, and when I insisted he get it, he just trotted out there, picked it up, and walked back.

I mentioned it to Stacey that I noticed Fonzie slowing down, and I said I thought it was probably just his old age catching up with him. He's 10-1/2 now.

Another week went by.

It all came to a head Friday morning, February 26. I put his breakfast down, and he wouldn't eat. He looked at it and walked away. Fonzie NEVER doesn't eat. He layed down and was shaking as if having a seizure. It was 7:45 a.m. so I immediately called my regular vet. They didn't have any openings right away so I said I will have to go to West Vet emergency. They agreed.

I hurried to West Vet. They took blood and urine samples. After examining both, the vet said there were no bacteria or abnormalities in his urine, but his cortisol and electrolyte levels were abnormal in his blood. Recall that cortisol is the fight or flight hormone that secretes when in a stressful situation. So the doctor suggested an ACTH stimulation test. ACTH is injected (don't ask, I don't know what ACTH is) and then blood is tested for a cortisol response. Fonzie flatlined in his response. The doctor diagnosed Fonzie with Addison's Disease.

Addison's is where the adrenal glands don't secrete the hormones the body needs. Insufficient adrenal hormones can upset the body's conservation of sodium thereby affecting his electrolyte levels. The imbalance also affects the gastrointestinal tract and that was why he didn't eat.

West Vet kept him overnight with IV fluids, including glucocorticoids. He improved and was discharged the next afternoon with an injection of Percorten and a bottle of Prednisone.

I took him back after two weeks for another ACTH test, and his cortisol and electrolyte response was normal. Yay! That was two months ago. He will get a Percorten shot every month from now on and a real low dose of Prednisone every day. He's back to normal now as was evidenced at the recent NADAC trial. He loves agility.

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BARC Meetings

Are at Broadview University located at 2750 E. Gala Cr, Meridian, Idaho on the southwest corner of Eagle Rd and Overland Rd

2016 Dates:

- May 2nd
- June 6th
- July 4th
- August 1st
- September 12th
- October 3rd
- November 7th
- December Annual Christmas Party!

Please come and help BARC make a difference in the world of agility

Practices

Come play!

BARC offers a number of indoor open practice opportunities at <u>Birt Arena</u> in Nampa, ID for dogs and handlers who are currently training and/or competing in agility.

Practices are hosted by club members, who determine the type of practice, choose the courses, and are responsible for set up, take down and collection of fees. Volunteers are always needed!

Visitors are welcome to come watch. To join in a practice, dogs must be working with a local agility trainer and able to perform obstacles safely off leash and around other dogs.

The fees are as follows:

- \$6 For Members who help set-up or take-down, first dog
- \$8 For Non-members who help set-up or take-down, first dog
- \$10 All others, first dog
- \$1 For each extra dog (members or non-members)

For directions to our practice facility, click here: <u>Birt Arena</u>

2015 – 2016 Open Practice Dates:

• Sunday, May 1st at 2:00-5:30 PM

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Date	Event	Location	Club	Opening date	Closing date
May	NADAC fun match	Birt Arena	BARC	?	
June 3-5, 2016	AKC	Caldwell	LBKC	4/1/2016	5/20/16
June 24-26, 2016	AKC	Caldwell	ICCKC	4/13/2016	6/8/16
August 27-28, 2016	NADAC	Caldwell	BARC	TBA	ТВА
Sept 16-18, 2016	USDAA	Caldwell	BARC	As soon as premium is posted	TBA
Oct 13-16, 2016	AKC	Boise	ICCKC/LBKC	ТВА	ТВА

Agility Calendar of Events

Nov 11-13, 2016	NADAC	Caldwell	BARC	TBA	TBA
Feb 17-20, 2017	AKC	Caldwell	LBKC	ТВА	TBA
March 17-20, 2017	AKC	Caldwell	ICCKC	ТВА	ТВА
				TDA	TDA
	USDAA	Caldwell	BARC	ТВА	TBA

Locations: Caldwell is at the Heritage Equestrian Center Canyon County Fairgrounds, 111 S 2nd Ave

Nampa is at Birt Arena, off Lewis Ln, West of Southside Blvd on Hestehaven Ln

Boise is at the Western Idaho Fairgrounds, Draft Horse Barn, 5610 Glenwood St

AGILITY TRAINING IN THE TREASURE VALLEY

Donna Lee: Q-Quest Agility, Nampa http://www.qquestagility.com/

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