

News at Oak Grove!

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“Dog’s have given us their absolute all. We are their center of their universe. We are the focus of their love and faith and trust.”

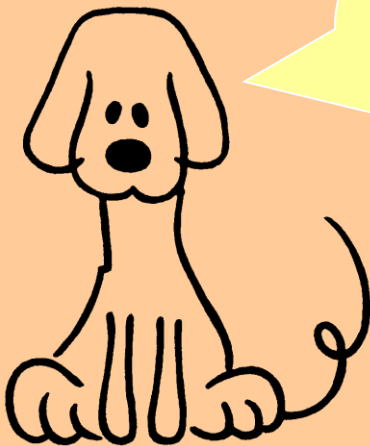
~ Roger Caras



Upcoming Events at Oak Grove!!

- Tuesday May 10th UKC meeting
- Friday May 20th – Show N Go 4:00
 - May 21st – 22nd – UKC Show
 - June 25th – Show N Go 9:00

**“I named my dog ‘Stay’... So I can say,
“Come here, Stay. Come here, Stay”
~ Steven Wright**



Caesar's Column

Spring has arrived, which means all the summer shows are just around the corner. My mom is about to send me to “boot camp” while she gets to go on a long honeymoon cruise. I wish I could go but there is not much grass available in the Atlantic. Unfortunately, with her gone, I will miss my favorite hometown UKC show on May 21st and May 22nd. I’ve heard my humans talk about going to shows in other states and I am looking forward to meeting other dogs.

My 7th birthday is almost here which means I am 1 in human years or is it 49? I can never remember which. Either way, I know I am smarter than a lot of people I have met, especially those in Washington, D.C.

NEWS FLASH!! My mom and new dad are starting a Golden Retriever Specialty Club which will be the only active club of its kind in Louisiana. I am accepting campaign contributions (treats or cash) for my run to be elected president of the organization. Stop laughing; nowhere in AKC literature does it say officers have to be human!! Please contact Mom if you are interested in joining.

Happy Spring!

Cesar



Just a Dog

From time to time, people tell me “lighten up, it’s just a dog,”
or, “that’s a lot of money for just a dog.”

They don’t understand the distance traveled, the time spent,
or the cost involved for “just a dog.”

Some of my proudest moments have come about with “just a dog.”

Many hours have passed and my only company was “just a dog,”
but I did not once feel slighted.

Some of my saddest moments have been brought by “just a dog,”
and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of

“just a dog” gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you , too, think it’s “just a dog,” then you will probably understand
phrases like “just a friend”, “just a sunrise”, or “just a promise.”

“Just a dog” brings into my life the very essence of
friendship, trust, and unbridled joy.

“Just a dog” brings out compassion and patience
that makes me a better person.

Because of “just a dog” I will rise early, take long walks
and look longingly into the future.

So for me and folks like me, it’s not “just a dog”
but an embodiment of all hopes and dreams of the future,
the fond memories of the past,
and the pure joy of the moment.

“Just a dog” brings out what’s good in me and diverts my thoughts
away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday they can understand that it’s not “just a dog”
but the thing that gives me humanity and
keeps me from being “just a man.”

So the next time you hear the phrase “just a dog,”
just smile, because they “just don’t understand.”

~ Unknown



What is... Beginner Obedience?

Beginner Obedience is the basis to start your bond, relationship, and trust between the dog and handler. You and your dog will be learning skills that are geared to make your dog a successful family dog.

You and your dog will learning some of the basics that will help your dog become a better companion.

Dogs will be taught how to:

- **Walk on a loose lead**
- **Sit, Stand, Down**
- **Stay in position and come when called**

You will be working on some of the skills that are necessary to pass the AKC Canine Good Citizen Test.

(www.akc.org/events/cgc)

Of course, this will not happen overnight nor will it happen after 1 class.

We do offer private lessons for more individual training.

Please see our website for details.

“Ever wonder where you’d end up if you took your dog for a walk and never once pulled back on the leash?”

~ Robert Brault

Oak Grove's Home Remedies

Von Taz Pumpkin Stew

Using a large Pot add the following:

- 3 full large chicken breast cut up into 1-2inch pieces – no hormone or antibiotic recommended (this is about 6-7 cups)
 - 29 oz Libby's 100% pure pumpkin
 - 16 oz frozen cut corn
 - 8 oz fresh or frozen broccoli
- 1-2 cups of Mott's Natural Applesauce
 - about 8 cups water

Cover with a vented top or leave uncovered. Heat to a low boil; stir occasionally until the chicken is done (about 1 hour)

After the chicken is cooked, add the following:

- 2 cups of uncooked rice
 - about ¼ cup of angel hair pasta
- Stir and cook for about 10 minutes.

I feed this to Dax (White Shepherd 70 lbs) with his dry food. I give Dax 1 cup - this recipe averages 16 cups. I freeze and take out about 3 at a time. You can also add a tablespoon of plain yogurt (good for the digestive system)

**Have a home remedy that works
great for you and your pup?
Share it in our newsletter.
Send an email to
alaarends@yahoo.com**

Northwest Louisiana Dog Obedience Club

**Announcing... UKC Trial
May 21st and 22nd, 2011**

**4 Obedience Trials and
4 Rally Trials in 2 days!
You can earn a Title in one weekend!!**

Judges:

Marilyn Tomaszewski
Minta "Mike" Williquette

Contact Ellie Allemand @
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Raffle Saturday afternoon



UKC Fun Match August 6th, 2011

Come Join us at Oak Grove Training Center
for our 1st UKC Fun Match!

We will have Conformation, Utility, Open,
Novice, and pre Novice. We will start at 8:00 am.

Health Clinic for heart and eye certifications
Please make your appointment to reserve your spot

Please contact us at Oak Grove for any questions.

www.oakgrovetc.com

318-469-6375

Come and join us!

We will have be having a raffle and bake sale.

Boys from the Rutherford House will be selling lunch.

Photogenics by Tim will also be available.

On Saturday March 19th, we had a CGC and TDI testing at Oak Grove. We had 11 dogs and handlers pass their CGC and 9 pass their TDI! Congratulations to all!!!



We will announce our next class and testing soon!

**To find the nearest Dog Event,
follow the AKC or UKC links**

<http://www.akc.org/events/search/>



<http://www.ukcdogs.com/WebSite.nsf/WebPages/DogFindingAShow>

Northwest Louisiana Dog Obedience Club

**We welcome you to visit us anytime.
Please view OGTC website for club
meeting dates and times. We are
the only dog obedience club that is
licensed to hold UKC obedience trials
in the state of Louisiana.**

Northwest Louisiana Dog Obedience Club's purpose:

- to provide a place for all dogs and handlers
- to have trials that is open for all dogs;
including mixed breeds.



Club Meetings held at
Oak Grove Training Center

Susan McCormick – President
Vacant – Member at Large



EXTRA EXTRA!!! Dog pack attacks Gator in Louisiana!!!



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At times nature can be cruel, but there is also a rare beauty, and even a certain justice manifested within that cruelty.

The alligator, one of the oldest and ultimate predators, normally considered the “apex predator”, can still fall victim to implemented ‘team work’ strategy, made possible due to the tight knit social structure and “survival of the pack mentality” bred into canines.

See the remarkable photograph below, courtesy of Nature magazine

Note that the Alpha dog has a muzzle hold on the gator preventing it from breathing, while another dog has a hold on the tail to keep it from thrashing. The third dog attacks the soft underbelly of the gator.

Laughter is good for the Soul!!

