

AUGUST Dog of the Month

Cooper



This month we would like to introduce you to Cooper Novak. He is a **big ol'** friendly chocolate lab who lives to play ball, but as far as we can tell, is one of the few labs we know that hates water. While many of us have tried, we have yet to get him into the big pool. (or even a little one) He lives for fetching that tennis ball, (or wrestling with Tyson and Simba) and has probably worn a path at the back end of the inside area where he lies in wait to purloin any balls headed his way. He lives in Batavia with his mom Karen. Cooper participated in the 3 week training program here last summer and passed the AKC Canine Good Citizen Certification program at Paws with flying colors, adding some impressive designations behind his name. Say hello to Cooper when you see him, but \$50 says you're not tough enough to get him into the pool.

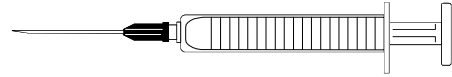
BEGINNER AGILITY CLASS

Susan Eastwood with Wiggles-N-Wags Agility is planning to start another beginner agility class here at our facility. Please contact her if you are ready, set, go to have some really great fun with your dog. Susan can be contacted at either her website:

wiggles-n-wags.com

or by her cell phone: 630-832-3001

Susan does a great job and I am thrilled she is interested in starting another class. If you are interested in trying agility (for the **dog**...you can be as unlimber as you like!) this is a great way to check it out.



NEW SHOT CARD REMINDER

In an effort to keep up with each dog's shots and the expiration date, we have introduced a new card which we will be completing here based on the most recent shot records we have on your dog. The card is intended to be a reminder of when shots are expiring so we always have the most recent records. We ask that when you go to have your dogs shots updated, please have the vet fax over the record for us. Also, as a reminder, the state of Illinois Department of Agriculture requires that we have proof that your dog has received the Bordatella vaccination within the previous 6 months, unless we have a current letter from your veterinarian stating otherwise and for a reason.

CANINE GOOD CITIZENSHIP

In July we saw our most recent graduates of Canine Good Citizenship participants graduate. I am happy to say that all of the participants worked very hard and they all passed the test on the final night.

Our new recipients are: Ceasar Canestra with his companion, Shelley; Bodi Dalton with his companion Vanessa; Martini Fryaia with his companion Regina, and Bentley Thompson with his companion, Claudia. Congratulations to each of you on all the hard work and on passing the test. I wish you the best in your new future as potential therapy dogs, or whatever you choose to do with the new title.



PUPPY CLASS

Our next session of puppy/beginner obedience will begin on Thursday, September 13th. This is a six week session where we spend time each week on socializing puppies (their humans too!!) and basic obedience.

If you are interested in signing up for this class, please give us a call at 630-208-7772. This class is primarily intended to introduce young dogs to the expectation of doing commands in a public setting. It requires that the dog be able to focus on his or her handler and still perform the tasks being asked of them. They are also handled by all of the other handlers each class, which goes a long way toward working on separation issues.



How our dogs handle the Dog Days of Summer

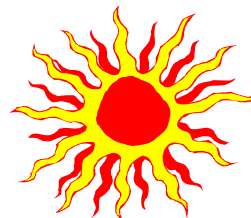


MEET ASHER MOORE

One of the few males in a workforce dominated by females, Asher exerts his flair as Floor Manager and Dog Whisperer, not afraid to tackle the most anti-social personalities. (No, we're not talking about the staff!!) Yet he's not above scrub duty, as you can see, and takes his job here at Paws so seriously that, even as a scheduler, he has a hard time giving himself a day off. (Julie **makes** him stay home at least a day a week.)

Even more exciting is that he married his long time girlfriend Heather recently on July 14th and has been a step dad to her children, ages 3 and 5, Delilah and Xavier. They have rescued cats and dogs from his stint as a vet tech, and the most recent addition, a Chihuahua named Ku. When he's not working, which is...um...rarely...he likes to ride motorcycles and fish...or maybe just do nothing. (as a new dad he's realizing that doesn't happen very often...He's still wrangling little kids, which can be more difficult than some of the craziest dogs,)

Give Asher a big hand shake next time you see him for a job well done and being newly married. (but don't forget to sanitize because Asher is hands on so who knows what he's had to pick up!)



She's hot...too hot, for us or our furry friends. In severe temps, heat stroke can strike in 5 minutes in a closed car. Don't risk it!