Paws to Dance

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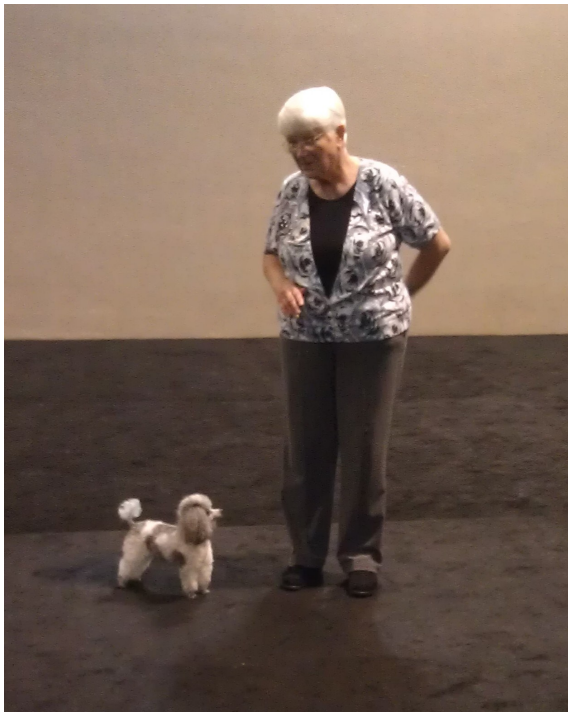
CFF participates in APDT Convention 2012

by Diane Holleman

A few months ago I felt honored to be asked by Joan Tennille to be a part of the demo team for the APDT Convention in Covington, Kentucky in October. I knew it would be an excellent learning experience for me and Kiwi as well as a wonderful chance to practice our Level III routine for our upcoming trial in Nov. It exceeded all expectations.

Kiwi and I left North Carolina on Wednesday prior to the convention deciding to take two days (husband's idea) for the drive so as to not be so tired for the opening of the vender's session on Thursday afternoon. (Excellent idea, Hank!) We couldn't get into the room we were sharing so Carl Tennille met us in the parking garage to help us get our things to the CFF booth. Once settled there I met Susan College (one of my roomies) and we discovered we had some time to look over the venders and decide what we would like to purchase when they opened. I could see the credit card bill going up!

Back at the booth we had an interesting variety of people stopping by to watch the videos and asking question about CFF. Not only did we have people from all over the US but a lady from Australia and one from the Philippines. I had no idea trainers would be coming from so far away. Hopefully they will be interested in starting a guild in both countries in the future.



On Friday our first demo was at 12:30 pm. It was unfortunate that APDT had scheduled some events that were in conflict with our performance time. Many people were not able to be there but we did have a respectable crowd. Also beside the ring there was a display by APDT that had a large, extremely loud attendance. I am very proud to say that all our dogs (as well as we) were able to ignore this and gave a wonderful performance. If we could do our routines under these conditions, we can do them anywhere!

Our second performance was Saturday at 5:00 pm. Since the venders were all closing at 7:00 pm I thought our crowd would be even less. During the day though I as well as the others did have several people asking what time our next

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performance was. We did have a large group of spectators and everyone was really involved with each of our routines. Individually we were praised and answered many question about our training and about CFF.
The highlight of this trip for me was the camaraderie that was shared by all the team members. Being fairly new to freestyle I have new friends that I know I will enjoy sharing our sport with for many years to come. I enjoyed our dinners together Thursday and Friday evening at the Biele Café next to our hotel after which on Friday we gathered in Joan and Carl's room. Cameron Foster connected his video camera to the TV and we had a great time watching our performance. Saturday night we celebrated with a pizza party while watching the video in their room.
The demo could have not been done without all Joan and Carl's hard work putting it together. We had a wonderful demo team which included Cameron Foster videoing, Janet Dayton, Janet McBrien, Sally Kirschenman, Marian Hardy, Gaea Mitchel, and Susan Colledge all who had great routines. Hopefully sometime in the future you will be able to see Janet McBrien's brace routine with her two terriers. Fantastic!

Am I Glad I Said Yes?

by Janet Dayton

When I received a phone call in July from Joan asking me to participate in the APDT Conference I was flattered, but also apprehensive. I took a few days to think about it. My concern was "Could Rain and I represent CFF?". I decided to say "Yes." This would be good for us in our CFF journey and good for me and my personal life journey.

Three weeks later Rain had a diagnosis of an auto -immune disorder. August and September were rough. Rain was very ill. I wondered if she was going to survive let alone could she perform at the conference. I started working with Lark, my other greyhound, as a back up. October came and Rain recovered, so off we went to Cincinnati with my sister, Lois and Lark. We had a blast, even with some changes. Lily, the Old English Sheepdog and the greyhounds were over the weight limit for the conference hotel, so they were sent to accommodations a few miles away along with Sally, Marion, Ping, Lois, and myself.

On Friday we found Joan, Carl, and the other members of the demo team at the CFF booth. Of course I was anxious and I said to Joan, "I'm not sure Rain is going to do this." Joan's response in an exasperated tone was , "If I hear one more person say that…." and then, "you will all be fine." Joan was right. She instilled calm and confidence in my ability to show my dog to her best. We were allowed to practice in the performance space, which was five feet short. Adjustments had to be made. I was worried Rain was going to leave the demo area, but it was enclosed, so I relaxed. As we entered the performance space and I walked down the center to bow I looked at the audience on three sides and thought "we can do this". We moved to our opening shape and I looked into Rain's eyes and thought we are ready and we were. Pink bubbles had floated to Covington, Kentucky. Saturday was much the same, but we had an even bigger crowd. Susan, Marion, Diane, Sally, Janet, Gaea and their canine companions did a great job. I enjoyed watching the other teams. We received many compliments and generated interest in CFF. We also spent time promoting CFF, as we visited with vendors and APDT participants. As always, Joan, Carl, and Cameron were there to support, encourage, and applaud us. It was a joy and a pleasure to become better acquainted with these CFF members. I felt a true sense of fellowship whether it was breakfast with Sally and Marion, waiting for a table in the rain, free lunch with the vendors, or eating pizza while watching the demo video as we laughed with each other and at ourselves. What a great group of easy going people!

Since the moment Joan asked me to participate in the APDT Conference in July my life journey has been enriched. Rain as a partner exceeded my

expectations. Her illness pushed me to deepen by relationship with Lark.
I found we were all nervous. The people I have watched and admired over the years were nervous too. I was not alone. I knew they were pulling for me and I was pulling for them. I understand the sport of CFF a bit better because Rain and I were part of the demo team. I've learned in the past every dog and handler have a story. My experience at the APDT Conference had underscored this thought. Yes! I'm glad I said, Yes!

The best compliment we received came from a stranger. I left the dogs with my sister while I went to change. As Lois sat ring-side a woman tapped her on the shoulder and said, "You and your dog did great!" Lois replied, "It wasn't me, it was my sister." The woman responded, "OH! I didn't notice the person I noticed the dog." That's what CFF is about, after all.

How the Painting Came to Be

by Dee Wallis

Editor's Note: Last issue I promised to divulge the history of the lovely painting pictured below on the left. Note cards with this image have been available from CFF. If you're lucky, there might be a package left!

I have admired Joan since I first saw her show Claire in 1997 or so. Their movements were coordinated and crisp; she never stopped smiling. I loved her style! As we began to attend the Cavalier Nationals each year, we saw each other once a year at most, and it took a long time for me to actually talk to her. We knew we had a common love for dogs, and gradually discovered a common sense of humor and passion for perfection.

Then in 2008, she recruited me to train one of my dogs to do a freestyle demonstration at the next year's National. She worked with me for a year - through a dog that quit on me, a totally clumsy handler and all the challenges of simply training a new skill. Believe it or not she was very patient with me, and dragged me into a state of marginal competence. I came out of the ring after that demonstration floating in a pink bubble. She had me hooked. Since then, she has continued to teach me, answering questions, pointing out the obvious that I could not see, showing me possibilities I never imagined.

I wanted to thank her for the gift of herself. Always in my mind is the picture of her and Claire in the ring sharing the joy that I believe to be the real meaning of life. So, knowing Joanne Opel's gift at capturing the elusive in visual form, I started talking with Joanne about capturing the joy that Joan and Claire shared with each other and then with so many of the rest of us. Joanne did a wonderful job of showing the joy of a dog and a human sharing a perfect moment, and Joan was pleased.

Thank you Joan.

CH Starbright Once Upon A Time, CD
CH-CFF IV
CFF Hall of Fame

Editor's Note: After Rhyme's and Elaine's breath-taking performance, CFF President, Gaea Mitchel stood to say the following.

Wow! What more do you want me to say? Elaine has been here before; Rhyme is her second dog to be honored in this way. He joins Itchie as another example of the best our sport has produced.

Rhyme and Elaine stand at the pinnacle of my vision of freestyle, and serve as an inspiration for us all. Rhyme's place in the Hall of Fame was earned not only by virtue of his many, *many* appearances at freestyle demos around North Florida, but by his performance career. He was five times winner of the President's Award for highest artistic score, earned four championship legs by scoring 80 points or more in Level IV, and in April of 2011 was the first dog to earn a perfect 10 in any category. In fact, there were five tens on Saturday that weekend, and six on Sunday!

The Federation is proud to welcome Rhyme into the CFF Hall of Fame.

ATTENTION HANDLER'S OF TALENTED DOGS!

In order to document the expertise in training of our members, your dedication to the sport of dogs, and the versatility of your canine partners, the Federation is compiling statistics on members' dog-sport activities; ***all*** of your activities. To that end, we would like you to look back in time and send us a list of ***all the titles*** you have earned, on your current freestyle partners or on any other dog you have trained and shown. Everything counts; breed, obedience, agility, herding, coursing, hunting, absolutely anything. To facilitate our effort to tabulate this information, it would help if you would list them by venue; all AKC titles, then UKC, USDAA, etc. It would help even more if you could include the titles (other than AKC and CFF) as well as the abbreviations. For example, Jane Doe has earned:

AKC: 3 CD, 2 CDX, 1 UD, 1 UDX, 1 HS
UKC: 2 AgI (Agility 1) 1 CD
Newfoundland Club of America: 3DD (Draft Dog)
USDAA: 3 AD (Agility Dog), 3 AAD (Advanced Agility Dog), 1 MAD (Master Agility Dog)

You may send this to gemitchel@earthlink.net, or a paper list may be sent in with your dues.

Editor's Corner

There were SO MANY great submissions for this issue! It was truly overwhelming! Sadly, there was simply not room for them all. Ann Holder, Elaine Nabors, Dee Wallis and Renee Filip all sent me material that was thought provoking, inspiring or just down-right funny! Thanks to them and your ever-faithful guild reporters, the February issue is in the bag! Thank you, ladies, for your contributions and EVERYONE keep 'em rolling in!

Julia Gregory

Guild News—Staccato Notes

By Pat Rapaport &
Dee Wallis

Busy ,busy ,busy!!! Energy and team work have been the keys words for this Guild for the past few months readying for the November 3-4, 2012 Titling Event at the Winston-Salem Dog Training Club in Winston Salem, North Carolina. The CCFG worked tirelessly to prepare for this titling event in conjunction with the Sirius Guild. Congratulations to all participants! And thanks to all who made this a success.

Prior to the event, on September 29, plans were finalized at the Winston-Salem DTC . Thanks to Dee Wallis' organization we had a great day of run-throughs. More than 15 dog/handler teams participated including three from Sirius Guild. Everyone appreciated the opportunity to try out the space in preparation for November.

Gloria Faley and Teddy and Barbara Long and Niamh performed routines at the Paws 4Ever Walk for Animal Protection on Saturday, October 6 in Chapel Hill. Terrific job ladies and dogs!

We also hosted an Open Work Day at Durham Kennel Club on Oct. 20th. The Durham Kennel Club membership and the public were invited to come out and see how Federation Freestyle works. We put up a display board of photos, installed a television and a computer with DVDs of titling events and still photos of wonderful teams. We had a fairly small group to practice and to watch, but the hard core got together and practiced, both our routines and our outreach. There was a small fee for CFF teams to work at this event which paid for the use of the facility. It was free to observers and was enjoyed by all. It was grand to find a few new faces interested in what we are doing. So, we were happy and encouraged that we continue to grow and progress. In December we will have Joan Tennille at the Durham Kennel Club Building to teach a novice class and then an advanced class. So finish up that last minute Christmas shopping to save December 15th. It is exciting to have the chance to start new people and new dogs under the care and tutelage of our Dance Mistress. The public and DKC members are invited to the class. Participants will pay a small fee. We plan to schedule a monthly weekend session for 2013, and hope to have a few new faces at a titling event by next fall!

Canis Major Guild

By Julia Gregory

I love fall! Don't you? There are so many annual events that take us outside to enjoy the lovely weather (except for when a hurricane is battering us!). As I write this, three of our freestyle guilds are waiting for the power to go out. One is expecting snow and another is cleaning up minor damage, all from Sandy. We're sending our strongest vibes for your safety.

We've had a busy fall demo season. The Hamilton County Fair here at home went better than ever. The horse exhibitors let us have some extra time so that we could do a more thorough demo without rushing. In August, we attended the Wilson County Fair near Nashville. They are terrific hosts and manage to keep us and our dogs cool even in that brutal weather. There we have the opportunity to demo once an hour for an afternoon. Our home club's obedience trial, agility trial and agility seminars have kept us and our dogs happily working away.

We're looking forward to being with our freestyle friends in North Carolina. It has been a long time since we were free to attend that joint show and we anticipate it with relish.

Thinking forward to our own joint show with First Florida Freestylers, we've been searching for a new venue since the old one seems to have lost interest in having us. Florida also has some leads on a new building in central Florida. Stay tuned for that date in late June!

Guild News
More Staccato Notes

By Dawn Madge

(Editors Note: This report was sent in late October!)

SNOW!!! We had a dusting of the white stuff the other day so I think summer is officially over, however, it was 85 on Monday and 45 the very next day. Go figure. Oh well, if we would only get some moisture. The drought is very bad out here. I've got big cracks in my yard and my water bill is through the roof!!!! My beginning freestyle class- Tricks of the Trade was a lot of fun. We focused on the technical. I just started Tricks of the Trade 2, a 6 week class where we will explore phrases, shapes, music, connecting moves and begin to answer the question :Where do we go from here? Thinking outside the box is always a challenge. It's great to see all the different "what if's". It has been a lot of fun. There has been a lot of enthusiasm and willingness to learn. We are hoping to have another show next year. Freestyle is alive and well in cowboy country!! Take care everyone and happy fall! Dawn

First Florida Freestylers Guild

by Elaine Nabors

As I was thinking about the write up for the newsletter and the guild news, something important occurred to me. It had actually occurred to me many times before now, but it seemed appropriate for this report. The future of all things and this case, CFF freestyle and its many gifts, is in the hands of the newbies! It doesn't seem that long ago that I remember being a fledgling guild and struggling to attend and then put on our own freestyle event. It wasn't always an easy road, but it was always an enlightening one. The destination IS the journey in this sport and that is what makes it different from the others. I think that the ones who truly embrace federation freestyle are the ones who enjoy the process and the ride and while always looking to grow in some form or fashion, are not highly competitive to the detriment of the whole experience. Those who become cut throat competitive simply do not last in a sport that capitalizes on an activity that is built fundamentally on trust, relationship and sharing. The experience of being surrounded by newbies, many of whom are enjoying the journey as much as I do, was a delightful experience. At the recent titling event in Winston-Salem, North Carolina I was asked by many people why I did not compete with Rhyme's Hall of Fame routine and my answer was simple. I chose to celebrate rather than to compete because that is, to me, the essence of CFF freestyle. The continued growth and success of a dog sport unlike any other rests in the hands of the newbies. From what I saw in Winston Salem, we are in good hands. Those newbies who took to the floor were obviously celebrating their partners!

The guild has been busy working on supporting our celebration of dog work. Thanks to the dedication of the guild members, we raised money for the guild through another successful basket

raffle. Many thanks go to all the members of the guild all of which contributed to the raffle in a big way! Beth Berry, Marilyn Hulme, Gaea Mitchel and Elaine Nabors represented the guild at the November trial in Winston Salem. The trial was wonderful! Thank you for all your hard work. I wanted to personally thank Lynn for being such a great hostess!! The Florida guild wants to thank Joan, Carl, Jim, Lynn, Jim P., Cameron, Sarah, Jeanine, Sherri, Trisha, and the many others would worked behind the scenes to ensure a successful, well organized trial. FFF also wants to thank Brandy, Kristen, Cathy and Gaea for doing the tough job of judging with grace and dignity!! FFF is looking to the future with our sister guild, Canis Major, beside us as we plan for a trial this coming June!! Be on the lookout for more information!

By Marcia Barkley

The weather is Cooling off, but Things are heating up for us as we make plans for our December 1 titling event and for next year. First, though, we're having a "Show & Go" on the 11th of November, but we're doing it a little bit differently than in the past. We are few in numbers and trying to attract new membership, so for this November event we're inviting non-freestyle "dog people" to come put the space to good use (and help pay for the space too!). We know a lot of people in a Napa dog training club, for example, so they are invited to use their floor time for heelwork practice, or rally moves, or basic obedience in a setting with an audience … however they want to use that time. And of course they will be invited to stay and be an audience for our freestyle dogs while they are there.
And we're looking ahead to next year, considering the possibility of monthly meetings rather than quarterly, so that we can spend more time training together. Kristen Sicotte and Elaine Smith gave us a workshop during their last visit that included a handout that we can use as a template for learning through application of choreographic concepts. We still have to work out a schedule, but this could be fun!

By Eugenie & Kasie Podojil

North Coast Canine Freestylers have made a momentous decision … to prepare for and to host a titling event for CFF! It has been a thought, a dream, a goal for over a year and as with all visions at some point you make the decision -- we did! At the Guild meeting in August we committed ourselves to have the titling event. The date in Spring was decided upon and committees determined, with chairwomen to organize and guide. Now we are getting into high gear -- a fundraiser needed, so ideas and plans are coming together for that. And of course, most importantly – there is the selection of music and creation of routines for our teams.

In September we gathered for a "music night," the sole purpose of which was to hear a wide variety of potential music. Leila Widgren's "almost full I-Pod" played continuously as we listened to songs, picked out songs we might like, took suggestions from our members when they envisioned a song particularly suited for one of our dogs -- each of us returned home with a list of which to give further thought and consideration. What a valuable evening for all.

Now we are all beginning to work through phrases and their inclusion into our new routines. With the wonderful ideas, constructive criticism, and support of our members, each of us is feeling a great anticipation with the reality of hosting

and competing in a titling event.

Our on-going six-week freestyle classes continue, always culminating in our Evening of Sharing in which current guild members present their routines and the graduating class members present phrases incorporating what they have learned. We welcome Denise Gressley and Joy Wentz, members from that class and now North Coast Canine Freestylers!

Yes, we have had a busy Fall and heading into an even busier Winter. Just hoping northeastern Ohio has an "easy" winter -- we don't need "snow days" because we have too much to do!

by Kathy Noble

Three Sirius Guild member teams recently returned from The Association of Pet Dog Trainers conference in Kentucky with glowing reports of the success of their trip and the popularity of the demos with the attendees of the conference. Representing the Sirius Guild were Sally Kirschenman with her young Old English bitch Lily, Marian Hardy with her toy poodle Ping, and Janet McBrien with her brace of Welsh Terriers, Nicolas and Mischief. A total of eight teams from CFF, representing seven different breeds of dogs, performed demos and helped man the CFF booth and distribute information about our sport to the APDT attendees. By all accounts, the trainers they spoke with were extremely impressed with the connection between the dogs and their handlers and wowed by the performances, and especially impressed that they all worked without leashes. The following is a quote from Janet McBrien, giving her account of her experience there, which expresses beautifully the joy of what our sport is all about (the dogs!).

> *"When I did my brace with Nicolas and Mischief the second day, I don't think the people could believe that anyone would ever do anything with two terriers together. As I walked…..on my way to do the honoring, I remember there was a real excited air about the people along the side who were watching and there was a buzzing vocal undercurrent as I walked by with both of my guys looking up into my eyes. Mischief and Nicolas did me proud by nailing almost the entire routine except for the end move which was just ok rather than really amazingly fun because Mischief (and why did I name her that?) was on the wrong side of Nicolas so she just adlibbed. People clapped and whistled at the end. I added, after honoring, and after Joan asked if there were questions, that 'IF TERRIERS CAN DO FREESTYLE THEN ANY DOG CAN DO IT!'"*

It seems that CFF members rather lucked out on the weather front for the two important occasions recently, with "Superstorm Sandy" sandwiched in between the Kentucky trip/demos and the trial in Winston Salem! By all accounts, the drive to the Kentucky venue was spectacularly beautiful, with the fall colors at their height. Most of us in the Maryland/Virginia area fared much better through the Superstorm than our neighbors to the north in New Jersey and New York, and for that we have much to be thankful!

Canine Freestyle Federation Titling Events
Sponsored by the Carolina Freestyle Guild and the Sirius Guild
Saturday November 3, 2012 Results

Level I
First Place Shari Bryant's Silken Windhound Siendo's New Hope River
Second Place Gloria Faley's Mixed Breed Teddy

Level I Team
First Place Sandi Payne Greene's English Shepherd Ayla
Christine O'Connor's Golden Retriever Beau Geste Featherquest Foxtrot
Barbara Long's Gordon Setter Stonemist Time Is On My Side

Level II
First Place Trish Koontz's Doberman Pinscher Hera Bella Dei Dohse
Second Place Connie Jurgensen's Staffordshire Bull Terrier Cruiser
Third Place Amy Rowe's Border Collie Cinder Rowen

Level II B
First Place Rickie Morrison's Border Collie OTCH Rapideye's Ragin KaJen **NEW TITLE**
Second Place Dee Wallis' Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Rainbow One and Only
Third Place Sarah Jane Jinnah's Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Harana Tom Jones

Level II Team
First Place Beth Berry's Chihuahua Emma Louise
Elaine Nabors' Mixed Breed Itching too Go

Honored in the Veterans Class
Shari Bryant's Whippet GraceGift Sky's The Limit

Level III
First Place Diane Holleman's Toy Poodle Mademoiselle Kiwi
Second Place Marilyn Hulme's Beagle Lanbur Rosies Are Red

Level IV
First Place Julia Gregory's Pug Wildhaven's Grinnin' Milo
Second Place Janet McBrien's Welsh Terrier Datawelsh Everlasting Cash

Highest Artistic Score
Rickie Morrison's Border Collie OTCH Rapideye's Ragin KaJen

Carolina Canine Freestyle Guild Award
(highest scoring first time exhibitor)
Rickie Morrison's Border Collie OTCH Rapideye's Ragin KaJen

Sunday November 4, 2012 Results

Level I
First Place Shari Bryant's Silken Windhound Siendo's New Hope River
Second Place Gloria Faley's Mixed Breed Teddy

Level II
First Place Trish Koontz's Doberman Pinscher Hera Bella Dei Dohse
Second Place Connie Jurgensen's Staffordshire Bull Terrier Cruiser
Third Place Amy Rowe's Border Collie Cinder Rowen

Level II B
First Place Rickie Morrison's Border Collie OTCH Rapideye's Ragin KaJen
Second Place Gaea Mitchel's Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Rainbow the Babe at Fianna, **NEW TITLE**
Third Place Dee Wallis' Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Rainbow One and Only
Fourth Place Sarah Jane Jinnah's Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Harana Tom Jones

Level II Team
First Place Beth Berry's Chihuahua Emma Louise
Elaine Nabors' Mixed Breed Itching too Go

Level II Brace
First Place Janet McBrien's Welsh Terriers
Datawelsh Everlasting Cash
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Highest Artistic Score
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Sirius Guild Award
(highest scoring first time exhibitor)
Rickie Morrison's Border Collie OTCH Rapideye's Ragin KaJen

The event was held at the Winston-Salem Dog Training Club in Winston-Salem, NC. The judges were; Cathy Nirenberg, Kristin Sicotte, Gaea Mitchel and Brandy Clymire A huge thank you goes out to the members of the Carolina Canine Freestyle Guild, the Sirius Guild and the Winston Salem Dog Training Club who put so much effort into making this event a tremendous success.

Rosie's World

By LanburRosies Are Red, BN, RE, THD, CFF lll

It's hard to believe that I have finished my first year as a columnist. I'm getting pretty good at this and I really hope that mom gets me an iPad for Christmas. I'd even settle for an iPad mini! Now let me tell you about my adventures of the past few months.

I won't tell you very much about my trip to the Orlando Obedience Trial. I BOMBED both days. I was qualifying up to the long down and then I got really scared and I didn't want to go down. On Saturday, as soon as my mom left, I stood up and then I did a perfect three-minute-stand. I didn't move a muscle even through another dog got the "zoomies" in the ring. Mom said that we could take a break from obedience and do some fun stuff. Yeah!

Fun stuff for me is freestyle. I have been working really hard on my Level lll routine. In November, mom and I went on a big trip to a place called Winston-Salem. It was far, far away and took a long time to get there. In fact, we only went as far as Savannah on the first day. Mom and I stayed with her nephew and his wife and they had these funny looking animals that were not very welcoming. They even hissed at me. How rude! They don't go potty outside but use something called a litter box. Because they were so rude to me, they got shut up in the bedroom while I was there. That night, I found my dog food jar for the trip and ate almost all of my food. Mom freaked because I have had two intestinal surgeries already and she said that I looked like the Goodyear Blimp. I don't know what that is but I don't think it's a good thing! Mom didn't feed me in the morning and no water – man, was I thirsty? When we got to Winston Salem, mom gave me a little food (there wasn't too much left!) and a little water. I wanted more water and kept trying to lift the toilet lid and finally mom took my leash and tied the doors to the bathroom so I couldn't go in there. Saturday we went to the CFF competition. I still didn't feel too good although mom said that I had "deflated" but I was a little stressed. In the last 48-hours, I had experienced animals that hissed at me, got a tummy ache and most of all – I missed my big sister, Pande! I love her so much and I had never been away from her for such a long time! Well, I tried to do a good routine but I was distracted and was just kind of flat so I didn't get a title. Mom said that she understood and gave me a big hug. Back in the room, she gave me lots of love and attention and I began to feel better. On Sunday, I was back to normal and mom and I got a new title, with a second place. I know mom was very happy – and I was too because I want to learn a new routine!

I also have a little buddy named Aiden. His mom is Ann Holder and she entered him in the Halloween Costume Contest that my vet runs. 1st prize is $100. I won the contest last year so I told Aiden that I would be his campaign manager. I worked really hard to contact all the people I know. It's kind of hard because I'm not allowed to use the computer so I had to sneak on when mom wasn't looking. Well, Aiden won by a landslide! Here's a picture of me with Aiden's campaign button. Do you think it will become a collectible button?

Well, that's it from Rosie's World. See you next time.

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