

Astro's Agility Is Re-Opening!

Just when I thought I was going to retire at the beach, these fabulous folks at Maranda Ranch & Kennels on Hwy. 12 said "Come set up here!"



Bye-Bye Retirement

let's start huppin' again!

I travelled every roadway, I turned every stone,

Begged, groveled, worked my fingers to the bone.
Every horseman's gate was shut in my face,
'Twas nowhere in Napa to give me a place.
The horse's hoofs left my turf no appeal,
I was reduced to eating Meals on Wheels.

My dream, my inheritance, gone with the wind,
Yet my belief in agility never grew thin.
I wrote to thank you for all the years,
For the love and laughter and the tears,
Only to have Tessa's dad write and say,
Contact Maranda Ranch on the highway!

They have extra land and might be a good site.
But I just sent my letter saying good bye,
So now you come back with a place to peruse
I'll give it one more try, what's to lose?

Lo and behold it was meant to be
A plot of land right next to doggies.
Who cares if they bark, that's what dogs do
And now I'll have room and shade too!

East of Shellville, with a view people pay for,
you'll chill in the shade while your pup hups four more!

I guesstimate we will reopen in late February or early March. It all depends on the weather. The new location is at 3350 Westach Way, at the Maranda Ranch Kennels, just off Highway 12 at Ramal Drive on the left, after you pass Napa Road. Please do not visit until we have posted that we are open. You will see our equipment from the highway along with a banner when we are ready.

Any previous sessions will be honored, but there will be a backup, as we have been closed so long and there is a waiting list for new people to sign in. We will do our best to keep everybody accommodated during these early months when we do not have to close due to the heat.

In the Meanwhile, I'm Still Offering All AKC Certifications, CGC, Home Manners, Therapy & More!



The CGC is the equivalent of a HS diploma in the dog world. You wouldn't want your pup to enter the big world without this minimum requirement. Offered only by the AKC, don't accept anything less or pay anything more! Look us up at www.AKC.org/ certified evaluators or call me: Laura Dayton 707 704-3863.

AKC Good Citizens (CGC) & Therapy Certifications (THC)

We're city folk and our dogs live in urban environments where we like to have our dogs with us as much as possible. That calls for a new set of rules, where dogs must behave amongst people and can't go sniffing every person or pup they see. As a matter of fact, that behavior would create chaos.

The AKC recognized this years ago and came up with their **Canine Good Citizen (CGC)** program, that has now expanded from **Star Puppy** to include an **Urban, Advanced** and **Community Good Citizen**. These certifications are a direct line to becoming an **AKC Therapy Dog**, where you can bring your dog into hospitals, home-care facilities, hospice and other senior care homes to share the comfort of your well-behaved dog who can bring moments of cheerfulness to an aging or lonely individual.

That does not mean your dog can go to grocery stores or restaurants! **But he can come to the bank, to your club meetings and other occasions** where food is not a primary service and he behaves as a CGC graduate, with a vest and papers, at your side and non-invasive with other people or dogs.

These classes are offered 7 days a week on a 1:1 basis, depending on the level of your dog's previous training status, when not training agility. Training **starts at three-\$40 lessons or \$120**, and may include as many as 12 lessons. You can stop at any time if not satisfied with the progress. Lessons may be at facilities around the Napa Valley in order to expose your dog to real life situations with meeting new people and dogs in new environments. Some classroom time is involved. At times you may be training with up to two other dogs. You can sign up by phone with CC or Venmo.



I will continue to teach tricks and show, and organize trials in between agility and CGC. We want to stay active in all aspects helping you become the best dog companion your pet could ever hope for!

I will continue training AKC Tricks, Show Ring, Leash Manners, Puppy Classes and some special needs care for frightened rescue dogs. I'll be competing my dog, Nitro, in shows, organizing trips to trials, and holding special seminars throughout the year.

By Appointment 7 Days/Week (except for Church)

707 704-3863. www.astrosagility.com

In the meantime I'm hanging at Shurtleff dog park.

Laura

I hope this isn't all too confusing. Just don't go to the Browns' Valley address. Anyone who can help me move the equipment, or help prep the new site on Saturdays for free training days, please give me a call.

So happy to be back in business for all the agility dogs of Napa and Sonoma! Hup on!!!!