

# Performance News!



## For the Saint Bernard

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## Saint Bernard ONLY Agility Classes Start Up In Ottawa, Canada!

**Krys Prichard** writes, "We are located in the Ottawa, Ontario, Canada region. There is not a local Saint Club (local meaning HERE; there is one in Ontario, but Ontario is a HUGE province), so this is one activity we've initiated to get our Saints together. Last week-end we had a fun-day at one of the Saint folks' houses and that was a RIOT. Each month, we get our Big Dog (Newfs, Saints, Danes, and Pyrs) together for a walk at one of our local dog walking parks. These are our social activities with our dogs and ones that we encourage our adopters to join. We are all



just 'plain ole pet people' so we have a different focus than those involved with breeding or showing. We just want to have fun with our dogs, show people that our rescued Saints are good dogs, and that they too can do things.

### So, We started Agility Classes

Oh, did we have FUN. The dogs were very, very good. Some barking,

but not enough to warrant unpacking the earplugs <g>. There was a class in the other room. Well, there's a window between the rooms. The instructor was watching us more than she

was instructing. She doesn't usually teach on Saturdays, so she's begged me to come to class as one of our spare handlers. She said that we looked like we were all having so much fun and she could hear us applauding when one of the dogs got it right. It really was a lot of fun. Just watching the dogs was fun, but working with them was also fun. We have started discussing building Agility equipment for 'Camp Saint Bernard.' This would let us have the classes at Camp during the Spring - Fall. For many of us, we welcome any excuse to go to Camp."



**"We have started discussing building Agility equipment for Camp Saint Bernard. We have also considered doing Rally Obedience"**

## I can't believe it...

### We Have TEN (That's Right, TEN) Saints Signed Up or The Saints-Only Agility Class.

I can't believe it...we have TEN (that's right, TEN) Saints signed up for the Saints-only Agility class. I was hoping for SEVEN, maybe EIGHT. Only one of the ten is not a rescued Saint Bernard we've placed in the area. The ages of the dogs range from 18 months to 7 years (the Twins are the oldest...but I figure they can still have fun. They are both very fit and agile. Kirk was given the "all clear"

at his last vet visit re: his cruciate surgery recovery to participate in this activity). We have five males (one is not a rescue) and five females. One couple will be driving just over an hour to participate. The rest of us are about 1/2 hour away. So, not only is it an outing in the vehicles for the beasties, but they get to see their buddies and maybe learn something at the same time. The instructor has threatened to wear her terrycloth bathrobe to combat the amount of drool that will be flying! We start this Saturday. I am so excited (and a bit



nervous...my dear husband is coming this week, but I don't know if he'll be able to make it each week to help handle the Twins). We have arranged to have two of our Saint-experienced foster parents to be on site to help move equipment, hold a leash, perform body-blocks, run interference...wipe drool off the floors we're not expected to wipe it off the walls! The floors yes, that is for our safety <g>. The facility is new and they had to build a lot of the agility equipment...so they built it with our class in mind (the A-frame is SUPPOSED to bear the weight of our guys and not collapse...let's hope they got that right)! I anticipate I'll need a long nap once we get home from class...Regardless of how well the dogs do, I am sure it will prove to be an entertaining (and exhausting) hour. How could it not, with 10 Saints in the same room????



### AKC Agility Regulations

A copy of the AKC Agility Regulations is free. There are several ways in which you may obtain a copy. You may order on line at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org), by mail: The American Kennel Club, 5580 Centerview Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606-3390, or, sometimes Superintendents have copies. at dog shows or Agility trials.

## The First Week at Camp Saint Bernard



The first week, we were working on teaching the dogs where their back ends are. I am not sure if every agility class begins this way or not, we work with a ladder and a plank, moving to the tire the next week (so this weekend's class will be introducing the dogs to the tire and having the dogs work on the plank and ladder again. The plank will be raised to prepare the dogs for the dog walk and jiggled to get them ready for the teeter. Once they've been introduced to the tire, we'll move to the barrel to get them ready for the tunnel, so the pictures should get more lively each week).



## Roll Call...

All of our rescue dogs are renamed when they enter rescue. We give them a rescue name that starts with Trinity Of Hope's ...because each of the rescued dogs is dear to us. Shadow's I'm Winston Too is the only Saint in the class who did not come through rescue, he was a planned puppy.

### Page 2:

**Top Left** Trinity Of Hope's Luck of the Irish (Bruno)

**Top Right** Trinity of Hope's Yokie from Muskokie (Yokie)

**Bottom Right** Trinity Of Hope's Princess Grace...Kelli (Kelli)

**Bottom Left** Sir Captain Kirk S. Bernard, Ret. L.O. TT

### Page 3:

**Top Left** Trinity Of Hope's Peggy Sue I love you! (Peggy Sue)

**Center Left** Shadow's I'm Winston Too

**Bottom Left** Trinity of Hope's Mad About Maggie

**Top Center** Trinity of Hope's Love Strikes in Earnest (Ernie)

**Bottom Center** Sir Captain Kirk S. Bernard, Ret. L.O. TT

**Top Right** Trinity Of Hope's She's a Cookie Monster (Perci)

**Center Right** Trinity of Hope's A.C. Tanner Brown (Tanner)

**Bottom Right** Trinity of Hope's Luck of the Irish (Bruno)