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## A Boy's Wish



Locals quick to help Florida family find perfect pet 'Harper' will find a new home in Florida thanks to the **Make A Wish Foundation**.

### **How often do you get the opportunity to help fulfill a wish?**

Linda and Steve Rogers of [Timshell Farm](#) in Eureka were contacted by the **Make A Wish Foundation** in Orlando, Fla. Douglas, a young boy with a brain tumor, was given a wish by the foundation. While many children with this opportunity wish for a trip abroad or to Disneyworld, Douglas' only wish was for a puppy. However, his family has never had a pet, as his mother suffers from pet allergies. Enter the Rogers from Timshell Farm's Goldendoodles, a hybrid dog produced by mixing a poodle and a Golden Retriever, are one of their specialties. "We raise Goldendoodle puppies that are low-to-no shedding and are very likely to be non-allergy causing," Linda Rogers said. "These special puppies have AKC Golden Retriever mothers, and their fathers are AKC Poodles, either Standard, Miniature or Toys. "Having raised the puppies for two years, the Rogers were eager to work with the **Make A Wish Foundation**.

"I am so impressed with the whole thing," she said. "Make a Wish put out the notice on this, and within 30 minutes, a pilot had volunteered. "Carlos Roca, the pilot volunteer with Angel Flight East pilot organization, will land at the Corsicana Airport at approximately 8:30 a.m. Saturday to pick up the puppy, which will then be flown to Orlando to surprise Douglas. "Harper" is the special 4-month-old puppy who will find a

new home with Douglas. "This is the first pet this family has ever had," Rogers said. "He could have wished for anything, but he had always wanted a puppy."-----

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## **AKC Partners Novice A Obedience Trials 1st Place Win!**

Zoe & Judy Stanczek, Oklahoma City, Apr. 3-4, 2010

AKC Partners Novice A obedience trials in Oklahoma City, April 3-4, 2010 - the first year that hybrids were welcome to enter the competition. Zoe the Goldendoodle and owner Judy Stanczek won 1st place in the OB Novice "A" competition on both days with scores of 190 and 190½. It was a combined group with both purebreds and mixed breed dogs. Zoe was bred by [Timshell Farm](#). **Judy** : "In obedience novice A, you perform "Heel on Leash" which includes forward, halt, right turn, left turn, about turn, slow, normal, fast, and figure eight. Then you do a 'Stand for Exam", followed by "Heel Free".



This includes all the things from Heel on Leash except for the figure eight. Recall comes next, followed by a Long sit (1 minute) and a Long Down (3 minute). Maximum points are 200 and minimum qualifying score is 170. They judge you on how well the dog heels (do they forge ahead or lag), straight sits, how tight your leash is, etc. You are only allowed a single command at the beginning of each activity. You have to qualify before 3 different judges to earn a Companion Dog (CD) obedience title. After Novice, you move up to the Open category where the dog works on the CDX (Companion Dog Excellent) title where everything is done off leash. It includes Heel Free and Figure Eight, Drop on Recall, Retrieve(dumbbell) on Flat, Retrieve over High Jump, Broad Jump, Long Sit and Long Down. It advances to Utility Dog (UD) where they have to perform scent discrimination, directed retrieve, directed jumping. Much of this is done by hand signal only. April 1, 2010 was the effective date for mixed breeds to participate in AKC sanctioned shows, so this was one of the first ones held. The official name of the dog show was the OKC All-Breed Obedience and Rally Trials. When I brought Zoe home, I found a Flower Mound, TX training facility, CMC Dog Training

owned by Susan Warren. Susan offers Board and Train as well as private lessons. I took two sessions of private lessons and then continued with her Saturday group training (which continues to be free to all who do private or Board and Train with her.) Susan has a great indoor facility as well as a boarding kennel with fenced fields for running and playing. Our dogs are exposed to Agility as well. Zoe was a really quick learner and I enjoy the camaraderie of the Saturday group lessons. Since there are dogs coming and going from the group, it really helps proof our dogs for the show ring. We have different levels in the class, from newly trained where the owners are trying to learn how to work with their dogs to those of us who were a little more serious about an obedient dog. Now if I can just get Zoe to stop chasing cats, she'd be the perfect dog. If there's a cat in the area, she'll bolt every time! She's also a great swimmer and will even dive under the water. That doesn't do much for her fur, so during the summer we keep her pretty short. Can you tell how thrilled I am to have her! GoldenDoodles are much too smart to stay out of the obedience ring. Many of the people at the show were excited to have the mixed breeds and really loved Zoe."by Judy Stranczek

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## **BONZER CAN DANCE!**

Bonzer is a Goldendoodle owned by Jeannie G., in Houston, Texas and bred by Steve and Linda Rogers of Timshell Farm. You can find more information about Bonzer on their website :[www.timshellfarm.com](http://www.timshellfarm.com)  
Jeannie reports:

"This has been quite a day for Bonzer!!! First, his brief moment on Martha Stewart and then his dance class final! I thought you would enjoy these shots from class!



Bonzer looks so great dancing with all that fur bouncing around!!! He added to the choreography by his "sit up" :) move (the choreography was just for him to sit and me walk around him)-everyone loved it (they said he looks like a polar bear)! Our classes are at "[Happy Hounds](#)" here in Houston and they have such a nice facility! Bonzer is really enjoying the classes and I am getting a workout in the process!!! For smart and high energy dogs like Goldendoodles, the Freestyle Dance ([Musical Dog Sport Association](#)) is a great activity-it really gets the dogs paying attention and focusing. Bonzer picks up new tricks so fast, but it was the focusing part he needed to work on. It would be a good tip for Doodle owners to find "Canine Freestyle" classes, or to do the online training classes.All of the classes at the

Happy Hounds center are geared to dog and handler together. They have obedience training, flyball, agility and freestyle classes. The facility is beautiful-the big room indoors has rubber mat flooring like an aerobics room, and outdoors there are two fenced in play yards-the big one has agility equipment. We thought it would be fun for Bonzer to take Emily's class, and it was perfect! I don't think Bonzer has any interest in flyball or agility training, but we are finding out he is quite a dancer! I never would have thought that just regular people and dogs would learn these moves and now that I know, I can really recommend it! Bonzer did great!!!! He has only had 5 lessons, but he did his routine to Little Deuce Coupe like a star! 2 dogs at a time performed and some of these are from the warm-up exercises before the performance.

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### **The Hope Ball Puppy**

bred by

Steve & Linda Rogers of Timshell Farm

A LETTER FROM LINDA :

My friend and my hero, Joshua Gass.... as he battles with his own leukemia, works to raise money for research!!! This boy has raised over \$30,000 for the leukemia research foundation and some of his work was done while he was undergoing chemotherapy. This is the most remarkable, brave child I have ever seen in my life. He told his dad "I know why I am sick." His dad was rather astonished and said,



"why do you think you are sick, Josh?" and Joshua replied "People will pray for me to get better and they will come to know God." Josh has taught me the true definition of what a problem really is. What he has is a real problem.... what I have, in comparison, are merely "inconveniences". Joshua undergoes the most horrendous treatment pain and agony imaginable, and he apologizes to the nurses and doctors for complaining. He is truly an amazing spirit, here to teach us all a lot - I believe it. This movie clip sure brightened my day.... Josh is in remission now and is working with the head leukemia research doctors in the U.S. on the "Hope Ball" auction in Phoenix next month. The dog in the video is "Good Golly Miss Molly" and is one of our Goldendoodles. She is owned by Teri Lane, a news anchor on a Phoenix TV channel that has trained her for therapy work in hospitals in Phoenix. Miss Molly is a regular part of the news program every week - does a segment with dog trainers that is fabulously popular in Phoenix!! Anyway, the video was shot for the Phoenix tv station, and it is Josh with Good Golly Miss Molly. Josh has his own Goldendoodle puppy named Otis, also from our farm. We hope our

auction puppy generates a good winning bid for Josh and for the research. Just thought you would like to meet the bravest human being I know. If you want to write him a note and congratulate him on his good work and send him wishes to be well, his email address is: [joshmalc@yahoo.com](mailto:joshmalc@yahoo.com) If anyone wants to make a contribution to Josh's fundraising efforts, here is the link to the website for the Hope Ball.

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## Goldendoodle on the cover of LIFE Magazine

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In July of 2004 a reporter from LIFE Magazine contacted me about Goldendoodles - in particular, Harley - a Dood sired by the late actress Natalie Wood's poodle. Harley was the poster child of Doods, and his story is [here](#). I was asked to recommend a few great breeders, and I sent the reporter to our site breeder's list in search of the perfect puppy. Many dogs were photographed, but we're proud as punch that the Dood chosen to be on the cover of LIFE Magazine was none other than a Goldendoodle, Sadie - and one bred by a wonderful breeder, Steve and Linda Rogers of Timshell Farm at [www.timshellfarm.com](http://www.timshellfarm.com) Thanks to his owners and to the magazine for showcasing this beautiful hybrid

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