



MARCH MEETING

3/25/2004 7 P.M.

Agenda:

Discussion of 501 (c)4 status for the club (recognizes the tax exempt status of the club (so that the club pays no state or federal income taxes) , but does not make the club a "charitable organization" that allows tax deductions for any donations made to the club.

Standing Rules revisions (See revision suggestions in this newsletter)

Committee volunteers
Food and door prizes

Judy and Mark Word
625 Dove Hill
Rockwall, TX

Directions: From I-30 E, go across Lake Ray Hubbard and turn right at Horizon Road exit. Go to the stop light and turn right on Ridge Road (FM740). Stay on Ridge Road until a 3 way stop. Turn left and go to the third development on your left. Turn left onto Crestridge Meadows. Turn left on to Chippendale. Turn left onto Dove Hill Circle.

HUNTING TEST 2004-APRIL 24 WC/WCX April 25

If you want to volunteer to help at the Hunting Test, call Ann Horton. If you want to help at the WC/WCX, call Terry Thornton

Premiums are on our web site: dfwmgrc.org. Please spread the word as they will not be mailed.

NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL

You can now receive your newsletter in a .pdf file by e-mail. If you wish to receive it this way instead of a hard copy, please notify Janet at jfric@AOL.com

COMMITTEE HEADS NEEDED

Some committee heads are still needed. Read the enclosed board minutes to see which chairs are needed. You can call Judy or send her the enclosed form.

DUES FOR YEAR 2004

Dues for year 2004 are due February 1, 2005 and are considered delinquent after May 1, 2005 Send all monies to Rita Robins, treasurer. Regular dues which are \$20 per family or \$15 per individual

BRAGS

FIELD

[Feb 14, 2004 Rose Country RC](#)

MH Pass/:

Ch. Amigold On A Wing N A Prayer CD MH
WCX VCX*** (Thornton/Ramsey) **MH TITLE!!**

TRACKING

[Dallas Obedience Training Club, February 15, 2004](#)
TD

U-CDX Gold-Sun's Ute Lover, CD, NA, NAJ (Sally
and Bruce Sherman) **TITLE!!!**

This now qualifies Ute for her VCD1 !

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

[Wichita Falls , 2/29/2004](#)

4th place

Rayshel Horton showing Goldencol's Sky Hi Encore
CDX, JH WC TD AX AXJ VCD2

AGILITY

[DAWG 3/6/2004](#)

Open standard-4th

U-UD Rockcreek's Morgana le Fey UD SH NA NAJ
WCX (Frick)

TOP DOG SHOW AND GO-OBEDIENCE

1138 Pleasant Valley, #D, Garland, 75040

\$6 first entry, \$4 second entry of same dog

Open and utility starts at 8

Novice starts at 12

HEART OF TEXAS LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB,

Spring Working Certificate Tests.

Dead ducks used for landretrieves and water retrieves. Entries will be limited to the following: WC-40 dogs. Entries will be on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE basis. Other breeds (I.e. Golden retrievers may run if there is room.)

WHEN: Sunday, May 2, 2004, WC starts at **8:30 AM.**

WHERE: Triple Crown Dog Academy, Hutto, TX

FUN AND GAMES: Time permitting, and participants willing, there will be some games after the completion of the tests, such as a puppy stake, and super singles (fastest to complete the exercise).

PRE-ENTRIES: Please mail completed entries and check (made payable to HOTLRC) to Jim Wray, 15708 Stewart Road, Lakeway, TX 78734 . Pre-Entries must be received no later than Thursday, April 22, 2004.

ON-SITE ENTRIES: On-site entries will be taken from 7:30 - 8:15.

ENTRY FEES: Pre-entry\Onsite Entry WC \$15.00\
\$20.00

DID YOU KNOW.....

It has been said that a Golden had never won the Sporting group at Westminster.. In fact, in 1968 Ch. Cragmount's Hi-LO owned by Mrs. Charles W. Engelhard won this most prestigious award.

The other interesting stats about Golden retrievers in the Sporting Group were

1- Group 1 (1968)

10- Group 2 (last done in 1995)

4 - Group 3

6 - Group 4

Golden retrievers were first shown at Westminster in 1928.

PROPOSED CAHNGES TO THE BY-LAWS AND STANDING RULES

IV.

No listings for litters or stud dog services will be accepted by the Puppy Referral Committee unless individual documentation of each of the following is presented:

- A. Consensus report from the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) indicating that both sire and dam of the litter (or the stud dog) are clear of hip dysplasia and have been assigned an OFA registry number.
- B. Current (within 18 months) certification by the Canine Eye Registration Foundation(CERF) that the sire and dam of the litter (or the stud dog) are free of indication of major inheritable eye disease. A current Ophthalmic Examination Form signed by a member of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists may be substituted for CERF certification.
- C. Documentation from a board certified cardiologist stating diagnosis of "normal".
 - D. When the breeding was accomplished with frozen semen; the eye certification submitted must have occurred when the stud dog was a minimum of 4 yrs old (provided no other certifications submitted occurred more than one year later.)

FEES CHARGED

A. Members

A member who desires to list a litter or stud dog with the Committee must have been a voting member of the Club for at least six months prior to the listing. A stud dog listing shall be \$25 ~~\$75~~ a year for voting members who meet this qualification and shall be effective for one (1) year of the date of the listing. A litter listing shall be \$25 ~~\$50~~ per litter for an eight week listing. Additional weeks for the same litter will be \$25 per four week period. In order to discourage people from joining the club with the sole purpose being to list their litters and stud dogs, members with three (3) years or less continuous membership must obtain board approval to list. The board will make this decision based on participation in club activities and activity in golden endeavors (i.e., field, conformation, obedience, agility or tracking). They must also have shown an interest in learning about golden bloodlines and how they combine to produce sound, healthy, good natured dogs. Any person who joined the club prior to 2001 and has had no breaks in membership shall be exempt from these guidelines.

B. Non Members

A non member who desires to list a litter must meet all previous requirements and may only do so if all calls for puppies go through the club member that owns the stud dog. The fee for listing will be \$100 per litter for an eight week period with each additional four week period for the same litter costing \$50. No non member stud dogs may be listed. This category shall include non members who breed to a member's stud dog.

IN MEMORIAM

Betsie Caldwell

Polly Sharer



Counterfeit Pesticide Products For Dogs and Cats Found - Retailers Ordered to Stop Sales

Contact: David Deegan, 617-918-1017/deegan.dave@epa.gov

03/04/2004 - EPA is acting to disrupt an effort to distribute counterfeit pet pesticides. The Agency has ordered pesticide distributors and retailers in a number of states to stop selling counterfeit pet pesticide products which falsely contain EPA Registration numbers and labeling for the "Advantage" and "Frontline" brands of pesticides. "Advantage" and "Frontline" are trade names of widely available pesticides for control of fleas and ticks on cats and dogs.

The counterfeit pesticides appear to have been unlawfully imported and packaged in retail cartons which are designed to look similar to legitimately registered pesticides sold in the U.S. EPA's investigation indicates that the counterfeit products have been sold to distributors and retailers throughout the country. The counterfeit products have outer retail cartons that are made to resemble EPA registered pesticides. Inside the cartons are applicators labeled and packaged for overseas markets. In some cases, the pesticide applicators may not have the proper child-resistant packaging or the accompanying instructional leaflet required by the Agency is missing. In addition, the consumer cannot be assured that the pesticide dosage is correct for the animal pictured on the retail carton.

The counterfeit products may be different from legitimate Advantage and Frontline products in several ways. EPA has posted detailed information, including photos of legitimate products, at: <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/factsheets/petproduct.htm> .

Counterfeit products should be disposed of according to accepted procedures for other household chemicals. Many communities and municipalities have local resources to dispose of household chemicals, and consumers are encouraged to contact their local solid waste authority for more information on disposal programs for chemicals. Pet owners who are concerned their pet may be affected by counterfeit products should contact their veterinarian.

EPA regulates all pesticides used in the U.S. Before a pesticide can be marketed in this country the Agency performs a rigorous scientific review to ensure that use of the product is not likely to cause harmful effects on people, pets or the environment. Under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), EPA requires pesticide products to contain instructions for proper use, safety precautions to follow and directions for proper disposal of unused product and their containers. Legitimate Advantage and Frontline products that have been through EPA's comprehensive review process are registered for use in the United States, and are not affected by this action. Because the counterfeit pesticides do not conform with established safeguards, the Agency has issued "Stop Sale" orders on the counterfeit products in question. Extensive additional information is available at: <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/factsheets/petproduct.htm> .

FROM AKC

The AKC Communications Department is pleased to announce that we will again be celebrating "AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day" (AKC RDO Day) on September 17th, 2004. We invite and encourage all dog clubs and pet-related organizations to take part by holding a community event that publicly promotes responsible dog ownership messages anytime during the month of September.

Participating organizations who send in the response form by August 1, 2004 will receive a packet of materials from the AKC--including posters, brochures, sample press materials and more-- to help you plan and promote your event. In addition, we will again be listing every AKC RDO Day event on our web site so that the public has one central place where they can find out about celebrations in their area.

Of course, the AKC will be hosting our own event in New York City to mark this initiative on the weekend of September 18th & 19th. The event will highlight the AKC programs and services that support responsible dog ownership, and publicize to news media and the dog loving community that events are being held across the country by organizations such as yours.

Suggested Ideas for Your Local Events:

- AKC Canine Good Citizen Test
 - Microchip /Tattoo Clinic
 - Rescue Information Booth
 - Health Clinic/Health Screen Testing
 - Meet The Breeds/Find the Right Dog For You
 - Obedience/Agility/Performance Event Demonstrations
 - Therapy Dog/Service/SAR Dog or Police Canine Unit Demonstrations
 - Safety Around Dogs for kids presentations (in-school or for children's groups)
 - Team with other dog organizations (vets/shelters/humane societies), as appropriate
- * Keep in mind that an "event" does not necessarily have to be a one-day affair. If you have the resources, consider some more in depth initiatives such as:
- A kids contest with awards for best drawings, essays about RDO
 - Seek sponsorships or donations from local businesses of items to be raffled, or for contest prizes
 - Raise money to donate/dedicate needed items to local dog park/runs (pooper scoopers, bulletin boards, water fountains, etc)
- * And of course feel free to come up with your own ideas--these are just suggestions to get your creative juices flowing!

Last year, over 200 clubs and organizations hosted events and hundreds of media covered the story. For more information, we suggest visiting the 2003 AKC RDO Day web pages which include all of last year's event and promotional materials: http://www.akc.org/news/club_resp_ownership.cfm.

We hope that you will join us by taking part in AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day. Your participation will help ensure the program's success, which will hopefully continue to gain momentum each year, benefitting dogs and dog owners everywhere!

IMPORTANT: If you plan to participate please make sure to fill out the response form and return it to: Gina DiNardo Lash, Director Club Communications, The American Kennel Club, 260 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016/Fax: 212-696-8345/email: communications@akc.org. Response forms can be found at this link: http://www.akc.org/dic/clubs/rdo/response_form.cfm You can submit this form online or print out and mail to the above address.

Sincerely,

AKC Communications

DFWMGRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 2, 2004

Meeting called to order at 6:55 p.m.

Present:

Judy Word, President
Rita Robins, Treasurer
Donna Gullede, Corresponding Secretary
Sherri Farmer, Recording Secretary
Roger Long, Vice President

Absent:

Kate Thompson
Alan Meyer

There were no minutes from the previous board meeting.

Treasurer reported a balance of \$10,308.95 as of February 26, 2004, which does not include a majority of the entry fees from the specialty.

Rita made a motion that notices of board meetings be sent via email. Donna seconded. Rita confirmed that everyone on the board has daily access to email. Motion carried unanimously.

[**Note:** Since the Constitution and Bylaws require that meeting notices be sent via U. S. mail, meeting notices will be sent via email and U.S. mail until the issue can be addressed by the Constitution & Bylaws committee.] The board agreed that club business that needs to be addressed between board meetings can be conducted via email.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion: Proposed changes to Constitution and Bylaws as presented last year. Judy gave a brief explanation on procedures to change the Constitution and Bylaws.

Versatility and Brood/Stud Trophy – The board tabled discussion until a more descriptive explanation can be prepared. Rita volunteered to put the proposed change in a more detailed format.

Puppy Referral – The board approved points A, B, C, and D concerning required clearances for listing litters and stud dogs with puppy referral. **Fees Charged** – The board does not accept the amendment as written, and defers it to be discussed at the next membership meeting. The board agrees with the concept of raising the fees, but would like to discuss rewording the proposed changes with the membership.

Dr. Esmond will be presenting a program at the March membership meeting. Therefore, Rita made a motion to postpone presentation of the proposed Constitution and Bylaw amendments to the membership until the April meeting. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.

Discussion: Committee appointments. The following recommendations were made, pending acceptance by the nominees:

Constitution and Bylaws: Chair: Debbie Allen

Members: Janet Frick, Rita Robins

Ways and Means: Linda Williams, Rita Robins

Bench:

Show Chairman: Sherri Farmer (Lynda Williams, Advisor?)

Show Secretary: _____

Raffle: Dawn Morrill (exception to rules must be voted on)

Heart Clinic: Debbie Littleton (Rita to contact)

Obedience/Tracking: Brooke Annis

Agility: No candidates

Field: Roger Long

Hunt Test: No candidates

Membership: Donna Todd????/Barbara Brown????

Statistics: Susan Beckman; (exception to rules must be voted on)

Trophy and Awards: Dawn Morrill (exception to rules must be voted on)
and Laurie Long

Hospitality: Laurie Long

Newsletter: Janet Frick (exception to rules must be voted on)

Club Publications: GRNews – Appoint Chair and rotate articles?

Puppy Referral/Public Education: Debbie Allen

Discussion: Feasibility / requirement to file income tax returns, status of club as a not-for-profit organization, bonding of the treasurer, and obtaining directors' and officers' insurance. Judy is going to investigate the income tax issue with other dog clubs; Rita is going to check with the State Treasurer. Sherri suggested that a tax attorney be consulted.

A motion was made to not require that the treasurer be bonded. Seconded and approved unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to investigate the necessity of obtaining directors' and officers' insurance. Rita volunteered to investigate, beginning with our current insurance company. Cost will be a determining factor. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: Electronic bookkeeping. At the present time, the books are in Quicken. A short discussion was had concerning the feasibility of continuing to do the books in Quicken or to put them in Excel. It was decided that we will present the issue to the membership and pursue the possibility of purchasing Quicken for the club's use.

Discussion: Account for puppy referral hotline with Verizon. Rita volunteered to contact Verizon to determine the requirements to continue the account.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion: AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Program. It was decided that we would put the information in the newsletter and ask for volunteers and/or ideas for something we could do in support of this program. The date corresponds with the fall Fort Worth show, so it might be feasible to put on a CGC test or something like that at the show.

Discussion: Club calendar. It was suggested that we maintain a club calendar to be published in the newsletter and on the internet. Roger volunteered to be in charge of the calendar. The calendar should list not only club events, but other events that our club members would be likely to attend or have an interest in. It was mentioned that keeping the calendar updated would be a big job, and everyone should be encouraged to send information to Roger for inclusion.

Discussion: Programs for future meetings. A discussion was had concerning business meetings versus program meetings with speakers. Judy made a suggestion that we have more social meetings and try to get more members interested in attending.

Discussion: Budget. Judy is going to put together a list of items to be included on the budget and it will be presented at a future meeting.

Discussion: Advertising. We need to be sure to keep up with the advertising in regional and national show catalogs. Rita mentioned that the TKC Breed Club Directory has been updated. Judy mentioned that she has sent the new board list to GRCA.

A motion to adjourn was made. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Sherri Farmer , Recording Secretary

Please SIGN UP to serve on the committees of your choice by checking the appropriate spaces below, signing and returning this page to Judy Word. Existing committee heads who wish to retain chairmanship are also requested to submit the attached acknowledgement.

I am interested in becoming the chairperson/committee member (circle one) of the following DFWMGRC's standing committee:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conformation Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Field Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Obedience Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Tracking Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Education Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Puppy Referral Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Constitution & ByLaws Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Statistics Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trophy Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Ways & Means Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Web Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter |