



UPCOMING EVENTS



LATE FALL-Sanctioned Agility Trial

**HOLIDAY PARTY-Rhonda Knapp's
Date TBA**

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OCTOBER 25, 7:30 P.M.

Agenda

Selection of judges for 2007 Specialty and Western Regional

Voting on Constitutional and By-Laws changes

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Mapsco 20D

From the intersection of Hwy 78 and Hwy 190: Travel east on Hwy 190 (which becomes Northeast Pkwy) to Pleasant Valley (this is the second red light after the Hwy 78 & Hwy 190 intersection). Turn left (north) on Pleasant Valley. You will pass the Garland Shooting Range and an FFA training center. Just past the FFA training center, Pleasant Valley merges with Miles Road and becomes a four lane blacktop. Take a right turn to stay on Pleasant Valley and continue until you come to a four-way stop. Turn left onto Merritt Road and travel about 1 mile - the house site off the road on the right about 1/2 mile and is located between the Pleasant Valley Cemetary and a property entitled Red Oaks.

If you miss the turn for Pleasant Valley, stay on Miles until you get to a four way stop at Sachse Road. Turn right and travel east to Merritt Road (just past Happy Acres Horse Farm). Turn right (south) on Merritt Rd. and continue to 3920 Merritt.

2005 SLATE - DFWMGRC Board Members

President:	Molly Chapman
Vice President:	Nancy Crowley
Treasurer:	Lynda Williams
Recording Sec:	Carole Gilbert
Corresp. Sec.	Leslie Pettengill
At Large:	Debbie Allen Judy Word

Additional nominations from the floor may be taken at the November meeting.

STATISTICS FOR AWARDS

Applications for trophies and information for plaques for titles earned are due to Lynda Williams by November 15, 2005.

SPRING HUNTING TESTS

Chairs are needed for the Spring Hunting Test and for the WC/WCX . Contact Judy if you are interested. Otherwise there will be no field events.

MEDICAL ARTICLES OF INTEREST

RABIES

Important news for companion animal owners and lovers (see below and Denise Flaim's 9/19/05 story *Challenging the Rabies Vaccine* in *Newsday* <http://www.newsday.com/mynews/ny-lspets4432971sep19,0,1274963.column> and Nancy Freedman Smith's Story in *Maine Today, News, The Rabies Challenge Fund* <http://blogs.maintoday.com/dogslife/002976.html>) -

The Rabies Challenge Fund

World-renown vaccine research scientist and practicing veterinarian, Dr. W. Jean Dodds of California, and pet vaccine disclosure advocate, Kris L. Christine of Maine, have established The Rabies Challenge Fund to raise money to fund a 7 year rabies vaccine challenge study in the United States. In addition to the challenge study, the fund will finance a study of the adjuvants used in veterinary rabies vaccines and establish a rabies vaccine adverse reaction reporting system. Rabies vaccination is the one immunization required by law across the country for domestic dogs and cats. Researchers believe this vaccine causes the most and worst adverse reactions in animals. The Rabies Challenge Fund has been founded to improve the safety of rabies vaccines and to determine, by challenge, if they confer immunity for 5, 6, or 7 years.

The Rabies Challenge Fund's first official sponsors are Deb Odom (Florida) and Dawn Turner (Arizona), who have committed to donating a portion of the proceeds from the sale of their pet vaccine informed consent posters and informational flyers.

Donations can be sent to THE RABIES CHALLENGE FUND, c/o Hemopet, 11330 Markon Drive, Garden Grove, CA 92841.

Rabies Challenge Fund poster designed by fund sponsor Deb Odom is accessible at <http://www.zbirdbrain.com/PetAdvocatesTownHallCisSupport.htm>

CANINE INFLUENZA

There are now veterinarian advisories out concerning Canine Influenza. This may be cross posted but please include this header section, which Dr. Dubovi has approved.

PLEASE DO NOT PANIC, and do NOT assume that every cough is Canine Influenza. Kennel Cough from parainfluenza and Bordetella is more common. However, the Animal Health Diagnostic Center at Cornell is interested in receiving samples from dogs that appear to have kennel cough.

.Clinical Signs: Since this is a new pathogen in dogs, there is currently no natural immunity present in the unexposed canine population. Almost all exposed dogs will become infected, and nearly 80% have clinical signs.

In the mild form the dogs will have a cough that persists for 10 to 21 days. The cough may be soft and moist or dry. Many dogs will have a nasal discharge from a secondary bacterial infection and low grade fever. The nasal discharge responds to broad spectrum antibiotics. In the severe form with pneumonia there is a high fever (104-106 F) and respiratory difficulties. X-rays may show consolidation. These dogs often have secondary bacterial infections and have responded to broad-spectrum antibiotics and supportive care including intravenous hydration.

The incubation period is two to five days and dogs may shed virus for seven to 10 days. The disease can spread rapidly throughout a boarding kennel. Dogs that are coughing SHOULD NOT BE BROUGHT TO SHOWS or Performance EVENTS.

Marg Pough- Finger Lakes Kennel Club

From NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets and the Animal Health Diagnostic Center at Cornell.

Canine Influenza Virus Detected in Dogs in New York State
The Animal Health Diagnostic Center at Cornell has reason to believe that canine influenza virus is now present in the New York City area. Reports have been received indicating an unusual form of "kennel cough" has been seen in a number of veterinary practices. Six animals recovering from this clinical presentation are all serologically positive for canine influenza virus. Previous tests of New York State dogs have all been negative.

Canine influenza virus is a relatively new finding in dogs. It was first identified in racing greyhounds and this virus appears to have been the cause of significant respiratory problems on the tracks throughout the US for the last 5-6 years. The Virology Lab at Cornell isolated the first influenza virus from an animal that died from the infection. The virus was sequenced at CDC and was found to be closely related to equine influenza virus. Evidence of infection of non-greyhounds by influenza virus has been found in Florida for the past year.

A key factor in defining the significance of this infection in dogs is to obtain additional isolates so that sequencing can be done to determine whether the virus is evolving in the dog. We are requesting assistance in this endeavor from practitioners that have respiratory cases in dogs >1 year of age. Samples that we need are pharyngeal swabs taken from dogs at the onset of clinical signs (fevers of 39.5 to 41.5oC, a soft, gagging cough for 10 to 14 days). Samples for virus isolation taken late in the infection will not be useful for virus isolation. Swabs should be placed in a sterile tube (red top vacutainer for example) with 5-6 drops of sterile saline. Do not place swabs in

bacterial transport medium. Ship samples overnight on ice packs. Samples will initially be screened by PCR for influenza virus. Positive samples will be processed for virus isolation. There will be no charge for the influenza screening at this time.

Acute and convalescent serum samples will also be helpful to define the extent of the infection in dogs. If one has cases of dogs that have recovered, a single serum sample can be used to determine exposure.

Should animals die of a respiratory infection, fresh and fixed tissue can be submitted for influenza virus screening.

Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to:

Dr. Edward Dubovi
Director-Virology Lab
ejd5@cornell.edu

Samples should be shipped to:

Animal Health Diagnostic Center
College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell
Upper Tower Road
Ithaca, NY 14853

Considerations in Designing Effective and Safe Vaccination Programs for Dogs

[http://www.ivis.org/advances/
Infect_Dis_Carmichael/schultz/chapter_frm.asp?
LA=1](http://www.ivis.org/advances/Infect_Dis_Carmichael/schultz/chapter_frm.asp?LA=1)

This site has loads of information about vaccination protocols

Dog Almost Killed After Consuming Artificial Sweetener

<http://www.firstcoastnews.com/news/usworld/news-article.aspx?storyid=41850>

By Cheryl Preheim, KUSA-TV Denver

DENVER, CO -- Tele is a 7-month-old Golden Retriever who loves treats. So, when 2-year-old Jordan started feeding her mints, she loved it.

"I was standing right there as my 2-year-old is handing one mint for him, one mint for me type of game and it was literally six mints later that we started seeing signs," said Lindsey Davis, Jordan's mom. Within 15 minutes of eating six mints, Tele was having seizures and vomiting.

Davis took her to Aspenwood Animal Hospital on Colorado Boulevard. Dr. Julie Kelly said when Tele got there, "she was basically in a type of a coma."

A frantic call to Animal Poison Control revealed that Tele was being poisoned by Xylitol. "It is an artificial sweetener that is in sugarless chewing gums and mints and some household baking products," said Kelly. "It is life threatening to dogs. They can die very quickly."

She says veterinarians are seeing more cases of Xylitol poisoning. "We are starting to see these animals that are getting into people's purses or their children are giving them treats and dogs like to eat anything they can," said Kelly. Davis wants to warn other dog owners.

"The compound is as close as a hands reach of the check out stand so people need to know that this is toxic to dogs," she said.

Tele is back home and feeling better but the vet says she still needs to be watched closely to make sure there isn't any permanent liver damage..

HOT SPOT REMEDY

A vet is recommending this home remedy for hot spots these days, as a topical soothing application only. Not to be used internally.

Brew a cup of water with 4 tea bags for a strong tannin solution, then let cool. Dissolve into that 4 aspirins.

Does any club member have hot spot remedies they use which he or she would like to share with members?

Send them in for publication in the newsletter. Others would like to know!

IN MEMORIAM

HR Amigold B Seventeen Flying Fortress CD SH MX
MXJ AAD WCX VCX.
Gary, Susan, and Kyle Beckmann

NEWSLETTER INFO

Please let us know if you would like the newsletter as a pdf. file rather than as a hard copy mailed to you. Send an e-mail to Janet at jftric@aol.com or psych-dog@worldnet.att.net. The newsletters are also available on the club website which is dfwmgrc.org.

Contributions, including pictures, to the newsletter are always welcome and can be e-mailed to the same address. Remember, we publish only the brags which are sent to us by the owner.

REMEMBER: Deadline for the newsletter is the 25th of the month.

BRAGS

AGILITY

DFW Dachhund Club Agility trial August 26

Nov B Std 1st leg and 2nd Place

SHR Ch GlenGowans JusCoz All Spiced Up, CD,JH (Williams)

Fort Worth Kennel Club 8/27

EX B Standard-Q

Remuda's One More Last Chance AX AXJ(Felix)

Nov B Std 2nd leg

SHR Ch GlenGowans JusCoz All Spiced Up, CD,JH (Williams)

Texas Kennel Club 8/28

EX B JWW-Q

Remuda's One More Last Chance AX AXJ(Felix)

Ex B Standard-Q

Remuda's Luck of the Draw CDX MX MXJ (Felix)

Nov B Std 3rd leg and 3rd place

SHR Ch GlenGowans JusCoz All Spiced Up, CD,JH (Williams) **TITLE!!! NEW VCX!!!!**

DFWESSA Agility Trial Sat, Oct 1

Ex B Jumpers Pass

Goldencol's Sky Hi Encore TD JH CDX MX MXJ WC NAC RN (Mashala Horton)

DFWESSA Sun. Oct 2

Open Stds Pass -- 1st place --

Badgersbrook Texas Hurricane RN NA NAJ-- (Rayshel Horton)

CONFORMATION

NE TX American Eskimo Dog Assoc. - September 10, 2005 A.M.

Group 2

U-CH Asterling's Vo'ice Activated R.N. (Pettengill)

NE TX American Eskimo Dog Assoc. - September 10, 2005 P.M.

Group 1 and Reserve BEST IN SHOW!!!!

U-CH Asterling's Vo'ice Activated R.N. (Pettengill)

North East Texas American Eskimo Dog Assoc. - September 11, 2005

Group 2

U-CH Asterling's Vo'ice Activated R.N. (Pettengill)

Fort Worth Kennel Club, Inc.

Saturday - September 24, 2005

Best of Breed

Ducat Rock Me On The Water ("Whiskey")

Texas Kennel Club - September 25, 2005

BOB - Group 4

CH Tempo's Easy Rider (Brown)

GOLDEN RETRIEVER NATIONAL

9-12 PD Sweeps 4th place

Tempo's U've Got What Gets Me (Brown)

Sweeps Veteran's 8-10 Bitches. 2nd

Bargello's Bree of Glengowan (Dick Caldwell)

9-12 PD in Regular Breed -1st Place

Tempo's U've Got What Gets Me - (Brown)



TROPHIES

CLUB TROPHIES

1. Top Show Golden. Awarded to the golden who defeats the most dogs in conformation competition. Points are earned in AKC competition for Winners, BOW, BOB, BOS (if competition), Group placements, and BIS/BISS.
2. Best of Opposite Show Golden. Awarded to the top-winning golden of the opposite sex from the Top Show Golden. Points are earned in AKC competition for Winners, BOW, BOB, BOS (if competition), Group placements, and BIS/BISS.
3. Top Obedience Golden. Awarded to the golden whose average qualifying score, at any level, and based on at least eight (8) scores, is the highest in obedience competition. All qualifying scores within the Gazette year must be counted except that for a dog competing in both Open B and Utility B at the same trial, the owner may select which score will be used in calculating the average score as long as least eight (8) scores remain to calculate the total.
4. Top Field Golden. Awarded to the golden who earns the most points in AKC field trials, AKC, UKC and NAHRA hunting tests, and GRCA WCIWCX competition. Except for competition at the highest levels (Master, Finished, etc.), only the qualifying scores required for a title may be counted.
5. Top Show Puppy. Awarded to the golden puppy who, prior to one year of age, defeats the most dogs in conformation competition. Points are earned in AKC competition and local , regional and national specialty sweepstakes classes. Puppies earn one point for each time the puppy competes and plus one point for each dog defeated in such show.
6. Best of Opposite Show Puppy. Awarded to the top-winning golden puppy of the opposite sex from the Top Show Puppy, with points counted in the same manner.
7. Top Junior Handier. Awarded to the member, who is a junior handler, who earns the most points in AKC junior showmanship for the year.
4. Bred By Exhibitor Trophy. Awarded to the golden who defeats the most dogs in competition in the Bred By Exhibitor class at AKC conformation shows, when handled by a club member. Points are earned for both participation in BBE class and for dogs defeated.
5. Top Field Puppy Trophy. Awarded to the golden puppy, who, prior to one (1) year of age, earns the most points in puppy stakes, AKC or UXC or NAHRA hunting tests, AKC field trials, or GRCA WC/WCX competition.
6. Versatility Trophy. Awarded to the golden who earns the most points in conformation, obedience and field. Once a golden achieves sufficient titles/points in all three areas to qualify for the trophy (a minimum of three points in conformation, two of which must be earned at one show, a minimum of a CD or TD or NA, and a minimum of a JH or WC), the golden must earn points in two of the three areas to continue to qualify in any given year. Points are earned at AKC conformation shows (by winning Reserve Winners, Winners, BOW, BOB, BOS (if competition), Group placements, or BIS/BISS), AKC, UKC or NAHRA hunt tests, AKC or UKC obedience or agility events, AKC tracking events, and AKC field trials.
7. Versatility Breeder's Trophy. Awarded to the breeder of the winner of the Versatility Trophy, if a club member.
8. Field/Obedience Trophy. Awarded to the golden who earns the most points in field competition and obedience competition together in the year. Competition includes AKC field trials and UKC, NAHRA and AKC hunting tests and ORCA WC/WCX competition, as well as AKC and UKC obedience trials. To qualify, dogs must have at minimum of a CDX and JH or WCX title, or a CD and SH title.
9. Stud Dog Trophy. Awarded to the member's dog whose produce, whether owned by a member or not, earned the most or highest titles in GRCA, AKC and UKC competition for the year. Points for each title escalate depending on the difficulty of the title.
10. Brood Bitch Trophy. Awarded to the member's dog whose produce, whether owned by a member or not, earned the most or highest titles in GRCA, AKC and UKC competition for the year. Points for each title escalate depending on the difficulty of the title.

DONATED TROPHIES

1. Novice Obedience Trophy. Awarded to the golden whose average for the first three (3) qualifying scores in AKC Novice A or B competition is the highest
2. Open Obedience Trophy. Awarded to the golden whose average for the first three (3) qualifying scores in AKC Open A or B competition is the highest.
3. Utility Trophy. Awarded to the golden whose average for the first three (3) qualifying scores in AKC Utility A or B competition is the highest.
5. Show Dog Hall of Fame Trophy. Awarded to each club member's golden who enters the Show Dog Hall of Fame.
12. Agility Trophy. Awarded to the dog with the most agility points as determined by the schedule in the standing Rules.
13. Junior Performance Trophy-Awarded to the Junior (under15) who has handled a dog to a qualifying leg in any performance event (obedience, agility, field, tracking, flyball) no matter what the registry, e.g. AKC, UKC,NAHRA, USDA .