



UPCOMING EVENTS

BANQUET-March 24
SPECIALTY-March 24
WC/WCX-TBA



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February Meeting

Tuesday, February 21st at 7:00 pm
Refreshments will be served.

Molly Chapman
1916 Tampico
Plano TX 75075

Directions:

From the corner of Parker and Custer Roads in Plano.: Go south on Custer a few streets and turn left on Ports O Call. Turn right on Las Palmas and the left on Tampico. You can get to Parker by going west off of 75 or by going east off of the Tollway. You can also take George Bush and go north after you exit at Custer. The turn then will be just before you reach Parker (after you have crossed Park.

Dr. Kirk Esmond, DVM
Josey Ranch Pet Hospital

Special Care & Keeping of the Older Dog

Topics will include :

Special Nutritional requirements
Supplements available and their benefits/risks
Additional veterinary care and blood work
Fertility issues both male and female
Early warning signs of prostate and other problems
Treatment of Arthritis in the older dog

Attention Members

The 2006 GRCA Nominating Committee has begun its work in compiling a slate of Nominees for the 2006 election process.

At this time the committee is accepting letters of intent and resumes from qualified GRCA members for positions on the Board of Directors of the Golden Retriever Club of America. The positions open will be President, Vice-President Eastern Region, Vice-President Western Region, and Secretary. Additionally, one Director from each of the Eastern, Central and Western regions will be elected.

No person may be elected to the Board of Directors who has not been a member of the GRCA in good standing for a minimum of four consecutive years prior to the election. Only one person from an individual household may be nominated to serve on the GRCA Board of Directors at any one time. Board members shall be residents of the United States of America. We need persons who are committed to the betterment of the Golden Retriever breed as a whole and who are strong, organized, and self-motivated leaders. People skills are vital.

Job descriptions for any of the above positions are available by contacting Lesley Albin via email at blazengr@cs.com or any of the Nominating Committee members. Our very own Sherri Farmer is on the committee - her email address is sherrifarmer@verizon.net. Please include your mailing address with your request. Letters of intent and resumes must be received no later than **February 15, 2006**.

The slate of officers as provided by the Nominating Committee will be published in the May-June issue of the Golden Retriever News, along with the resumes of the candidates that were selected by the Committee.

BRAGS

OBEDIENCE

Capitol Dog Training Club of Austin) on Dec. 17-18

RN-2nd,3rd

Sunsplash Ute StartYourEngin (Sherman)

Nolan River Kennel Club Saturday, January 7, 2006

Rally Novice A - 1st

Sheridon's Orig Irish Cream "Bailey" (Farmer/Todd)

TITLE!

RN leg

Sunsplash Ute StartYourEngin (Sherman) **TITLE!!**

RA-leg

SHR,UCDX Triune's Rollin' on the River JH, CDX,WC, ASCA CD, NGC,NA, NAJ, NP,RN (Ingram) **TITLE!!**

Nolan River Kennel Club Saturday, January 8, 2006

Utility A-2nd

U-CD Aerojett's Speaker of Tales CDX RE SH WCX(Frick)

RA-4th

Sunsplash Ute StartYourEngin (Sherman)

RE-leg

SHR,UCDX Triune's Rollin' on the River JH, CDX,WC, ASCA CD, NGC,NA, NAJ, NP,RN (Ingram)

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RE-leg

UCH,HR, UCDX Trinity's River of Dreams SH, CDX,WCX,VC, ASCA CD,RA, pointed (Ingram)

TITLE!!

AGILITY

1/14/06 NADAC Calera Ok.

Open Jumpers - Second Place

- Ducat-Watermark River Seanan:(Degan)

1/15/06 NADAC Calera Ok. -

Open Jumpers - First Place - New Title!

Open Tunnelers - First Place - New Title!

Novice Regular - Second Place

Novice Regular - Second Place

_Ducat Watermark River Seanan: (Degan)

1/14/06 NADAC Calera, Ok.

Novice Jumpers - Fourth Place

Novice Touch N Go - Second Place

Novice Regular - First Place -

Ch. Ducat Tender Is The Night (Degan)

1/15/06 NADAC Calera Ok.

Novice Jumpers - First Place

Novice Tunnelers - First Place

Novice Regular - First Place

Novice Regular - Second Place-

Ch. Ducat Tender Is The Night (Degan)

NADAC Fundraiser Trial, Calera, Oklahoma January 21-22, 2006

Touch-N-Go – 1st and Q

Tunnelers– 1st and Q (Saturday)

1st and Q (Sunday)

Sheridon's Orig Irish Cream CGC, RN ("Bailey") (Famer/Todd)

Jumpers – 1st and Q (Saturday)

1st and Q (Sunday)

Tunnelers – 1st and Q (Saturday)

Sheridon's Kahlua N Cream ("Kahlua") (Farmer/Todd)

Tunnelers– 2nd and Q (Sunday)

BISS CH Ducat Rock Me On the Water CGC ("Whiskey") (Farmer/Todd)

CONFORMATION

Trinity Valley Kennel Club 12/04/2005

WD 3 pt. major
Camlin's Saltwater Rig
(Nancy Crowley & Susie Pepas)

Nolan River Kennel Club 01/08/2006

Santioned B Match
BOB and Sporting Group 3
Camlin's R U For Real (Nancy Crowley)

Greenville, MS KC - 1/21/06

WB/BOS
Regatta's Racing Genoa (Gulledge)

Greenville, MS KC - 1/22/06

RWB
Regatta's Racing Genoa (Gulledge)

FROZEN DOG GOODIES

Mash together:

2 TBS. Honey
2 TBS. Peanut Butter
1 ripe Banana or large jar of baby food fruit

Add to this mixture to:

32 oz. Container of vanilla yogurt

Stir well and place mixture in ice cube trays or paper cups.

This recipe fills two good sized ice cube trays

Soften a little in the microwave for a few seconds before giving to your dogs.

TOP DOG SHOW AND GO-OBEDIENCE

Please visit our web site for Show & Go updates at www.topdogdallas.com

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

Obedience-Febr 26

Rally Feb 25

DFWMGRC CLUB DUES FOR YEAR 2006

Dues for year 2006 are due February 1, 2006 and are considered delinquent after May 1, 2006. Send all monies to the treasurer. Regular dues are \$20 per family or \$15 per individual.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS NEEDED

The board will be meeting on February to appoint chairs for this year's committees. If you are interested, mail the form in this newsletter to Molly Chapman or give her a call.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Terry Thornton will be chairing the WC/WCX this Spring and the Sanctioning Agility Trial this fall. Dates have not been decided, but she is looking for volunteers for both activities.

ACT NOW FOR
CATALOG ADVERTISING
ALL ADS ARE IN COLOR

NOW IS THE TIME! Plan your ad for our Eighteenth Independent Specialty catalog! Your new titleholder, that upcoming litter, a special dog are all of interest to other Golden people.

Full Page (one photo) \$40.00
Half Page (one photo) \$35.00
Additional picture in ad (each) \$10.00
Quarter Page (no photo) \$20.00
Memorial Page (dog's photo, name and date only) \$30.00

Deadline for ads is **Wednesday, February 15, 2006** so don't delay! Send your ads to:

Sherri Farmer
3616 Parker Road
Wylie TX 75098
972-461-0808

Original pictures must be submitted with ad copy – no electronic pictures can be accepted. Please send a drawing of how you would like your ad laid out and the wording you would like to use. VERY IMPORTANT: Please put a sticker on the back of each picture with your name and address so we can return the picture(s) to you.

Checks should be made payable to the Dallas-Ft. Worth Metro Golden Retriever Club (DFWMGRC).

SPECIALTY RAFFLE

Tickets for the raffle will be passed out at the meetings. Cost is \$5 for six tickets. Brings items you wish to donate to the raffle to the meeting. We would like for every Club member to donate one item for the raffle. It doesn't have to be big - just something that attendees at the specialty might enjoy. It doesn't have to be Golden-related.

CLUB COMMITTEES

DFWMGRC's standing committees were established to advance the work of the Club in such matters as dog shows, field trials, obedience trials, trophies, annual prizes, membership and other areas which might be served by committees. The success of our Club depends on membership participation and every member is encouraged to join at least two committees. DFWMGRC's standing committees are as follows:

The **Bench Committee** assists the Specialty Chairman in planning our annual specialty, is responsible for holding one sanctioned show every year; maintaining a list of AKC licensed judges; rules for shows and matches; the breed standard; a current calendar of upcoming shows; and plans conformation activities throughout the year.

The **Field Committee** is responsible for holding one WC/WCX test and one AKC Hunting Test each year; maintaining a list of AKC qualified judges; rules for WC/WCX tests, hunting tests and field trials; a current calendar of upcoming tests; and plans field activities throughout the year.

The **Tracking Committee** is responsible for holding one sanctioned TD/TDX every year; maintains a list of AKC licensed tracking judges; rules for tracking tests; a current calendar of upcoming tests; and plans tracking activities throughout the year.

The **Obedience Committee** assists the Specialty Chairman in planning our annual specialty; is responsible for holding one sanctioned trial every year; maintaining a list of AKC licensed obedience judges; rules for trials and matches; a current calendar of upcoming trials; and plans obedience activities throughout the year.

The **Public Education Committee** is responsible for informing the public at large about interesting activities and events as they relate to Goldens. It maintains a list of city ordinances affecting animals in the metroplex and keeps the membership informed of any changes and updates.

The **Membership Committee** maintains and updates the membership list; prepares membership applications and new member information packets; introduces new applicants and members; maintains records of application dates and their status; and arranges a sponsor for each new member.

The **Hospitality Committee** arranges for refreshments at Club meetings and functions; works with the Conformation, Obedience, Tracking and Field committees to provide food and drink at Club events; plans the annual Christmas party and Awards Banquet.

The **Constitution and ByLaws Committee** annually reviews the Constitution and Bylaws and proposes appropriate changes of clarifications. It keeps a record of all Standing rules currently in force and is responsible for publication and distribution of the Constitution and Bylaws and the Standing Rules.

The **Puppy Referral Committee** answers questions about Goldens and refers callers to listed litters, stud dogs and kennels. It maintains the Club's weekly classified advertisement and responds to phone calls from interested parties regarding the Club, the GRCA and the selection and breeding of Golden Retrievers.

The **Web Committee** develops and monitors the club's web site.

Please sign-up to serve on the committees of your choice by checking the appropriate spaces below, signing and returning this page to Molly Chapman. 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 |

Signature Date

NEW OBEDIENCE and RALLY SHOWS FOR SPORTING BREEDS

April 8th and 9th, there will be two all sporting breed obedience and rally trials in Denton. This show will be sponsored by the DFW Lab club as part of its local specialty. Entries are limited and priority will be given to labs. Superintendent is Bob Peters, Box 579, Wake Forest, NC 27588 or (919)556-9516 or www.bpdsonline.com. Entries are limited.



Researchers Publish Dog Genome Sequence Analysis Sheds Light on Human Disease; Differences Among Canine Breeds

An international team, led by researchers at the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, today announced the publication of the genome sequence of the dog. In the Dec. 8 issue of the journal *Nature*, the researchers present a detailed analysis of the dog genome and describe how the data offer the potential for improving the health of man and man's best friend.

"When compared with the genomes of human and other important organisms, the dog genome provides a powerful tool for identifying genetic factors that contribute to human health and disease," said Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D., director of the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI), which supported the research. "This milestone is especially gratifying because it will also directly benefit veterinary researchers' efforts to better understand and treat diseases afflicting our loyal canine companions." Efforts to create the genetic tools needed for mapping disease genes in dogs have gained momentum over the last 15 years, and already include a partial survey of the poodle genome. More than two years ago, Kerstin Lindblad-Toh, Ph.D., co-director of the genome sequencing and analysis program at the Broad Institute, and her colleagues embarked on a two-part project to assemble a complete map of the dog genome.

In the first phase, they acquired high-quality DNA sequence covering nearly 99 percent of the dog genome, from a female boxer named Tasha. The boxer was chosen as a representative of the average purebred dog to produce what has become a reference sequence for the dog genome community. Using the sequence information as a genetic "compass," they navigated the genomes of 10 different dog breeds and other related canine species, including the gray wolf and coyote. In this sampling, they pinpointed tiny spots of genetic variation, called single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs), which serve as recognizable signposts that can be used to locate the causes of genetic disease.

"Of the more than 5,500 mammals living today, dogs are arguably the most remarkable," said senior author Eric Lander, director of the Broad Institute, professor of biology at MIT and systems biology at Harvard Medical School, and a member of the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research. "The incredible physical and behavioral diversity of dogs - from Chihuahuas to Great Danes - is encoded in their genomes. It can uniquely help us understand embryonic development, neurobiology, human disease and the basis of evolution."

Humans domesticated the dog, *Canis familiaris*, from gray wolves as long as 100,000 years ago. As a result of selective breeding over the past few centuries, modern dog breeds present a model of diversity. From 6-pound Chihuahuas to 120-pound Great Danes, from high-energy Jack Russell Terriers to mild-mannered basset hounds, and from the herding instincts of Shetland sheepdogs to pointers pointing, humans have bred dogs for desirable physical and behavioral traits. While such breeding practices aimed to preserve the preferred traits of one generation in the next, they also predispose many dog breeds to genetic disorders, including heart disease, cancer, blindness, cataracts, epilepsy, hip dysplasia and deafness.

Elaine A. Ostrander, Ph.D., chief of NHGRI's Cancer Genetics Branch, co-authored the *Nature* paper, along with postdoctoral research fellows, Heidi G. Parker and Nate B. Sutter. Dr. Ostrander's laboratory maps genes responsible for cancer susceptibility in canines and humans, including breast and prostate cancers. In addition, Dr. Ostrander was the lead author of the white paper that provided the biomedical rationale for sequencing the dog genome.

"The leading causes of death in dogs are a variety of cancers, and many of them are very similar biologically to human cancers," said Dr. Ostrander. "Using the dog genome sequence in combination with the human genome sequence will help researchers to narrow their search for many more of the genetic contributors underlying cancer and other major diseases."

While dogs occupy a special place in human hearts, they also sit at a key branch point, relative to humans, in the evolutionary tree. It was already known that humans share more of their ancestral DNA with dogs than with mice; the availability of the dog genome sequence has allowed researchers to describe a common set of genetic elements—representing about 5 percent of the human genome—that are preferentially preserved among human, dog and mouse. Rather than being evenly distributed, some of these elements are crowded around just a small fraction of the genes in the genome. Future studies of these clusters may give scientists the critical insight needed to unravel how genomes work.

Other interesting observations emerged from this cross-genome analysis. For example, the research group found that while different breeds show amazing physical diversity, they often share large segments of their DNA, likely reflecting their recent shared origin. As a result, genetic tools being developed at the Broad Institute and NHGRI for any one breed of dog are likely to be useful in genetic experiments in nearly any breed.

The international team of researchers also identified roughly 2.5 million single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) sprinkled throughout the dog genome. SNPs are variations in the DNA code, some of which contribute to diseases or the overall health of a dog. SNPs also can be used to create a set of coordinates with which to survey genetic changes, both within and across dog breeds. These efforts revealed that individual breeds have maintained a large amount of genetic variability, despite their long history of restrictive breeding. In practical terms, this means that future efforts to locate disease genes in dogs can be much narrower in scope than comparable human studies, requiring a smaller number of genetic markers and DNA samples collected from the blood or cheek from only a few hundred dogs.

Scientists in the canine genetics community worldwide are currently tackling this problem by applying the knowledge gained from SNP analysis to find disease genes. To this end, the dog-owner community is an essential collaborator. "We deeply appreciate the generous cooperation of individual dog owners and breeders, breed clubs and veterinary schools in providing blood samples for genetic analysis and disease gene mapping," said Dr. Lindblad-Toh, who is the paper's first author. "Without their interest and help we could not be doing this work."

Taken from: <http://www.nih.gov/news/pr/dec2005/nhgri-07.htm>



EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY!
JOIN THE FUN!!!!
2006 DFWMGRC SPECIALTY
**JUDGE'S DINNER AND
AWARDS BANQUET**

DOOR PRIZES !

COME AS YOU ARE!

At the show site in the Cactus Room at 6:00 PM

Hickory Smoked BBQ Brisket, Sausage, BBQ Sauce
Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Pinto Beans,
Pickles, Onions, Jalapeno Peppers, Dinner Rolls,
Peach Cobbler
Iced tea



PLEASE RSVP (REQUIRED) NO LATER THAN MARCH 17....

You must RSVP and pre-pay to attend.
We have to let the caterer know how many to plan for.

Send check for \$18.00 per person plus the following form:
Please reserve _____ places at the Specialty Judge's Dinner for:

(Name)

(Name)

(Name)

(Name)

(Name)

(Name)

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: DFWMGRC

MAIL TO:

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17006 Westgrove Drive
Addison, TX 75001
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BREEDING SEMINAR

Southwest Airedales is bringing Myra Savant Harris to Dallas to do a one-day whelping and puppy intensive care seminar. The date is June 17th. The seminar is here in North Dallas. Myra is a neonatal intensive care nurse and a breeder of Cavalier King Charles Spaniels. During this one day seminar, she covers: (1) diseases of the reproductive system, artificial insemination, herpes, progesterone testing, and use of chilled and frozen semen, removal of dew-claws, sperm, whelping, and many other topics related to breeding and whelping a healthy litter, and (2) assessment of the sick newborn puppy, use and availability of oxygen, use of Fresh Frozen Plasma, tube feeding, bulb syringing, cord care, colostrum substitutes, subcutaneous hydration and many other topics related to saving newborn and very young puppies.

Myra has written two books, one on reproduction and whelping, the other on puppy intensive care. She writes and talks in an engaging, down-to-earth manner, and gives detailed instructions on doing things to ensure a healthy bitch, healthy whelping, and healthy puppies.

You can find the flyer for this seminar at www.southwestairedales.org, click on events, or at www.myrasavantharris.com, click on seminar schedule. If you wish to register and pay on-line, please go to www.southwestairedales.org.

Registration is limited so please register early and be sure not to miss this workshop. Do tell any breeders you know about this seminar. Myra has gotten rave reviews from many clubs.

What is a Title?

Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores, a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in the record and in the memory, for about as long as anything in the world can remain. And though the dog herself doesn't know or care that her achievements have been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans where such things count.

A title says your dog was intelligent, adaptable, and good natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that pleased you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed. In addition, a title says that you loved your dog. That you loved to spend time with her because she was a good dog and that you believed in her enough to give her yet another chance when she failed and in the end your faith was justified.

A title proves that your dog inspired you to that special relationship enjoyed by so few, that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return. And when that dear short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend. Volumes of praise in one small set of initials after the name. An obedience, agility, flyball, herding, etc. title is nothing less than true love and respect, given and received and recorded permanently.

--Author unknown.

