



## UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER MEETING-  
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**THERE WILL BE NO CLUB MEETING  
IN JULY OR AUGUST.**

**WATCH YOUR NEWSLETTER IN SEP-  
TEMBER FOR INFORMATION ABOUT  
THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.**

### Newspaper Policies

If you would like a brag in the newsletter, please send it to [jftric@aol.com](mailto:jftric@aol.com) or [psych-dog@worldnet.att.net](mailto:psych-dog@worldnet.att.net).

If you would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail (pdf. format) contact the editor at the above address (es).

If you move, please forward your new address to us directly as well as to the club membership chair.

If you do not receive a newsletter, please contact us directly.

Newsletters are usually available also on the WEB site within a day or two of publication.

All contributions of articles, pictures etc. are welcome.

## BRAGS

### OBEDIENCE

#### DOTC Sat June 2

Novice B-3rd

Manor's Galahad(Ingram)

#### Kennel Club of Texarkana on Sat .June 16.

Novice B-

Manor's Galahad(Ingram) **TITLE!!**

RA-1st

Manor's Galahad(Ingram)

#### Kennel Club of Texarkana on Sun.June 17

Novice B- 3rd

Manor's Galahad(Ingram)

RA-1st

Manor's Galahad(Ingram)

#### Indian Territories ASCA-OKC 6/10-11

Novice B- 3rd, 2nd, 2nd

Manor's Galahad(Ingram) **TITLE!!!**

### FIELD

#### Jayhawk R.C. June 3 2007

SH leg

Amigold Frequent Flier SH WCX\*\*-.(Owner Terry Thornton). **TITLE!!!!**

## **BRAGS**

## **AGILITY**

Mile-Hi GRC, Castle Rock, CO

6/8/07 Exc B Standard, 17 points

6/10/07 Double Q, 19 points

Glengowan's Man on a Mission CDX, RE, MX, MXJ, NF (Caldwell/Couch)

*This qualifies Scott for the 2008 AKC National Agility Championships. He earned the requisite 400 points and 6 Double Qs in less than seven months.*

## **CONFORMATION**

Holland MI KC - May 25, 2007

1st, PD 9-12, RWD (major reserve)

Glengowan's Great Balls of Fire (Jerry Lee) (Caldwell/Branch/Cox)

Big Spring Kennel Club Inc. Saturday, April 28, 2007

WD, BOW, AND Best of Breed

Asterling's Vo'ice Activated RA CD (Pettengill)

Big Spring Kennel Club Inc. Sunday, April 29,

WD, BOW AND Best of Breed

Asterling's Vo'ice Activated RA CD (Pettengill)

Denton Kennel Club Inc., Saturday, May 12, Reserve WD

Asterling's Vo'ice Activated RA CD (Pettengill)

Denton Kennel Club Inc. Sunday, May 13, 2007

WD and BOW

Asterling's Vo'ice Activated RA CD (Pettengill)

Texarkana - 6/16/07

BOB/Group 1 - Match

Regatta's Magnificent Obsession (Cavness/Gulledge/Crowley)

RWD from Open -

Tempo's G'Day Sunshine At Razzle (Meddaugh, Brown)

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

KC of Texarkana, 6/17

BOW from Open Dogs -

Tempo's G'Day Sunshine At Razzle (Meddaugh, Brown)

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

Reserve WD

Asterling's Vo'ice Activated RA CD (Pettengill)

Sunday, June 24 - Five Valley KC - Missoula, MT

OB 1st, ; WB; BW; 3 pt major

Glengowan's Tinker Taylor (Caldwell)

## **FEC NEEDS PICTURES OF DOGS WORKING IN THE FIELD**

The Field Education Committee is here to serve you. We want to help you keep "Retriever" attached to "Golden" as well as to remind everyone that a Golden Retriever is "primarily a hunting dog". We wish to encourage every Golden owner to introduce their Golden to the joy of doing field work. In order to further this goal, the FEC has articles on its web site, has persons to contact for helpful information, and is involved in a variety of projects to further serve the Golden community.

One project we are working on is an article in the Nov/Dec issue of the GRNews describing the three Nationals: The Master National, the National Open and the National Amateur. The Golden community had nine Golden as Finalists in the 2006 Master National and had four Golden qualify and run the 2007 National Amateur. We wish to honor these Golden and thank them and their handlers for being such wonderful ambassadors for our breed. How can you help? We are asking every Golden Club as well as individual Golden owners to take out ads in the Nov/Dec. Issue of the GRNews supporting Golden in the Field.

They don't necessarily have to be big ads, just ads of any size or shape to congratulate the thirteen Goldens who will be listed as well as in honor of any Goldens in your membership which have field titles--from WC up to and including FC/AFC! Breeders can list the field titled Goldens they have produced. Individuals can go together and do a composite ad showing their Goldens doing their thing----leaping into water, bringing back birds, running blinds, etc. Let's make it the Golden Field Pride issue!

If you have a Champion with field titles, let us know about it! We are working on a special article about the conformation Champions who also campaign in the field and would appreciate an ad about them in the Nov/Dec issue. In addition, you can do another ad for when we have the Champions in the Field article! If your dog doesn't have any titles but is the best hunting dog in your State, let us know about it. Brag to your heart's content. You can write with rapture about any field accomplishments, they do not have to be only AKC events. Be creative! Just respond! Don't let your Golden Club be left out. Don't you be remiss about contributing.

Thank you for supporting our Breed and for honoring all the dogs which are making sure that Retriever is synonymous with Golden.

The FEC of the GRCA

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### **Avoiding Heat Related Injuries in Dogs Nate Baxter DVM**

The first thing that needs to be understood is that dogs and people are different enough that most of the info cannot cross lines. I do not profess to know what the appropriate procedures for people other than what I learned in first aid.

Dogs do not lose enough electrolytes thru exercise to make a difference, but if the dog gets truly into heat stroke the physiology changes will make them necessary. BUT oral replacement at that point is futile, they need intravenous fluids and electrolytes and lots of it.

Cooling: Evaporative cooling is the most efficient mean of cooling. However, in a muggy environment, the moisture will not evaporate so cooling does not

happen well. I cool with the coldest water I can find and will use ice depending on the situation. The best way is to run water over the dog, so there is always fresh water in contact with the skin. When you immerse a dog in a tub, the water trapped in the hair coat will get warm next to the dog, and act as an insulator against the cool water and cooling stops. If you can run water over the dog and place it in front of a fan that is the best. Misting the dog with water will only help if you are in a dry environment or in front of a fan. Just getting the dog wet is not the point, you want the water to be cool itself, or to evaporate.

For MOST situations all you will need to do is get the dog in a cooler environment, ie shade, or in the cab of the truck with the air conditioning on (driving around so the truck does not overheat and the AC is more efficient). Up to a couple of years ago, I was very concerned about my dogs getting too hot in the back of my black pickup with a black cap. New white truck fixed a lot of that problem. When I had one dog I just pulled the wire crate out of the car and put it in some shade and hopefully a breeze. But having 2 dogs and running from one stake to another, that was not feasible. So I built a platform to put the wire crates on, this raises the dog up in the truck box where the air flow is better. Then I placed a 3 speed box fan in front blowing on the dogs with a foot of space to allow better air-flow. I purchased a power inverter that connects to the battery and allows the 3 speed fan to run from the truck power. It has an automatic feature that prevents it from draining the battery. When I turned that fan on medium I would find that the dogs were asleep, breathing slowly and appeared very relaxed and comfortable in a matter of 20 minutes or less, even on very hot muggy days.

Alcohol: I do carry it for emergencies. It is very effective at cooling due to the rapid evaporation. It should be used when other methods are not working. You should be on your way to the veterinarian before you get to this point. We recommend using rubbing alcohol, which is propylene alcohol, not ethyl, for those of you not aware. So do not try to drink it. Alcohol should be used on the pads and lower feet area where there is little more than skin and blood vessels over the bones. Use a little bit and let it evaporate, you can use too much as some

is absorbed through the skin. There are concerns about toxicity, but you have to get the temperature down.

I purchased those cooling pads that you soak in cold water, but found that the dogs would not lay on them. I would hold them on the back of a dog that just worked to get a quick cool, but have not use them for years. I also bought a pair of battery operated fans but found them pretty useless. Spend your money on the power inverter and get a real fan.

Watching temperature: If you feel your dog is in danger of heat injury, check its temp and write it down. Keep checking the temp every 3 minutes. I recommend to get a "rectal glass thermometer. The digital ones for the drug store I have found to be very unreliable, Don't forget to shake it down completely each time, sounds silly, but when are worried about your companion, things tend to get mixed up. This is VERY IMPORTANT\*\*once the temp STARTS to drop, STOP ALL COOLING EFFORTS. The cooling process will continue even though you have stopped. If the temp starts at 106.5, and then next time it drops to 105.5, stop cooling the dog, dry it off, and continue monitoring. You will be amazed how it continues to go down. If you do not stop until the temp is 102, the temp will drop way too low. I cannot emphasis this point enough.

When the dog is so heated that it is panting severely, only let it have a few laps of water. Water in the stomach does not cool the dog, you just need to keep the mouth wet so the panting is more effective. Do not worry about hydration until the temp has started down. A dog panting heavily taking in large amounts of water is a risk of bloat. Due to the heavy panting they will swallow air, mixed with a large amount of water they can bloat. Once the temp is going down and panting has slowed to more normal panting then allow water. The dog will rehydrate it self after temp is normal. If the dog has a serious problem and even though you have gotten the temp normal, get the dog to a vet, as it can still need IV fluids and some medication. Also, a case of heat stroke can induce a case of hemorrhagic gastroenteritis (not parvo), with a ton of very bloody diarrhea and a lot of fluid and electrolyte loss. These cases need aggressive treatment.

The best method of treatment is prevention. Learn to watch your dog, and see the changes in the size of the tongue, and how quickly it goes down. Learn your dogs response to the different environments, and be careful when you head south for an early season hunt test or trial. I have been to Nashville at the end of May, only 5 hours away, but the difference in temp and humidity did effect the dogs as they were used to more spring weather in Ohio. Try different things in training to help the dog cool and learn what works better. Another very important point=> Do not swim your hot dog to cool it then put in put in a box/tight crate. Remember, evaporation can not take place in a tight space, and the box will turn into a sauna and you will cook your dog. Carry a stake out chain, and let the dog cool and dry before putting it up. I demonstrated this lesson this spring with my 10 monthold pup. After doing a 15 minute session in yard drill on a warm 70+ degree day, she was panting pretty hard and was pretty hot. She was OK but it was time to stop. Just for the heck of it I took her temp. She was 103.6, above normal but too bad for a dog that had just finished working. In my back yard I have a 300 gallon Rubbermaid tub filled with water. I took her to it and she jumped in and out 3-4 times. She appeared totally improved, tongue was much smaller, and eyes brighter and her full spring was back into her step. So I re-took her temp and it was 104.2, so even though she looked better she was hotter. This is a perfect lesson to show not get a hot dog wet and then put them in a box. The water on her skin caused the blood vessels to constrict, decreasing blood flow to the skin. Therefore the hot blood was shunted back to the dog's core and retained the heat. You may have felt the same thing, after exercising but still being very warm, take a shower and get cooled off but as soon as you turn the shower off you start sweating again.

I know this is s bit long, but hopefully this is easy to understand and helps provide some useful information.

Remember: Prevention, learn your dog. It is worth the time and effort.

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Nate Baxter, DVM  
Lebanon, OH

**“A Day with Denise Tatro”  
Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
9:00am to 4:00pm  
PetsWest  
102 Bear Cat Rd, Aledo, TX 76008  
817-441-6881**

Clinic highlights include:

- Rally:  
Signs; how exercises are to be performed  
How the judges judge  
2008 new rules and signs
- Obedience:  
All levels: help with Basics thru Utility  
Bring your training issues i.e. shyness, aggression, lack of attention or anything related to training

**Participants: Limited to 30 people/dog teams only.**

**Fees: \$100.00 and includes a catered lunch.**

**Any questions, please contact: Laura Edwards-Johnson, [ej0213@aol.com](mailto:ej0213@aol.com) or 817-441-6881 or**

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### **Directions**

Take Interstate 20 or 30 West to Exit 418 – Willow Park, Ranch House Rd. Exit and turn left at the light, go under the Interstate and turn left onto the I20 service road. You will now be going East. Do not get back on the Interstate. Stay on the service road for approximately one mile. PetsWest will be on the right hand side.  
**Please park in the rear or on the side of the building!**

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### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE-2008 Board**

If you are interested in being on the nominating committee for the 2008 board, contact Molly Chapman.

### **NEW BOOKS FOR HUNTING RETRIEVER TRAINING**

Building A Retriever Drills & More... Carol F. Cas-city

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[www.ROSEHILLRETRIEVERS.COM](http://www.ROSEHILLRETRIEVERS.COM) or send check or money order to P.O. Box 2084  
Cookeville,TN 38502 \$35 plus \$3 for postage

### **Region 12 HRC Judges/Handlers Seminar**

**Hosted by Big D HRC**

[www.bigdhrc.com](http://www.bigdhrc.com)

August 18, 2007

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The location for the seminar will be 1662 North Highway 377 Roanoke, Texas 76262.

Directions from Dallas:

Take Hwy 114 west to Highway 377 in Roanoke and go North on Hwy 377 ½ mile. The Fishel Company building is located on the west side of Hwy 377.

Directions from Ft. Worth:

Take Interstate 35W North to Hwy 114 (at the Texas Motor Speedway) go East on Hwy 114 to Hwy 377 and go North ½ mile and The Fishel Company building is located on the west side of Hwy 377.

Lunch will be provided by Big D HRC.

Please RSVP by August 15 to...

Patti Benton  
972-874-5383 or [secretary@bigdhrc.com](mailto:secretary@bigdhrc.com)