



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 19-business meeeting



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JUNE MEETING

JUNE 19

Judy Word's
625 Dove Hill, Rockwall
6:30 p.m. social
7:00 p.m. business meeting

At this meeting we will be voting on the changes to the constitution, by-laws, and standing rules which are in this newsletter. It is vitally important that we have a quorum, so please make every effort to attend. If you wish to see the revisions in color, please go to the following web site:
<http://www.dfwmgrc.org/2007RuleChanges.pdf>

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 onto Chippendale. Turn left onto Dove Hill Circle.

BRAGS

AGILITY

Pawprints Agility Trial, Shreveport 5/5/06

Ex B Standard 12 points

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

Tulsa, Oklahoma - Saturday, May 12 -

EXCELLENT A - IST PLACE -

Sunplash Ute StartYourEngin, CDX, RE, AX, OAJ, NAP ("Zing" - Sally & Bruce Sherman) **TITLE!!!!!!**

Ex B JWW, 8 points

Open Fast, 1st leg, 1st place

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

Tulsa 5/13/08

Ex B JWW, 11 points

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

CONFORMATION

Denton TX KC - Sunday, May 13

RWB

Glengowan's Ash Grove (Caldwell)

Klamath Dog Fanciers - 5/12

RWD from 9-12 mo. puppy dog

Tempo's G'Day Sunshine at Razzle (Meddaugh/Brown)

SHOWING A PUPPY

If you think you would enjoy the thrill of showing your own puppy, here are a few tips on baiting that I think would benefit a beginner.

First of all, any puppy just starting to show should be familiarized with the show site before going into the ring. In getting your puppy acquainted with his new surroundings, walk him around and go through crowds of people, just as if you're actually walking to the ring. Let him check out other breeds that may not be familiar to him - **BUT BE VERY CAREFUL! LOOK AHEAD AND PLAN AHEAD.** Don't walk your puppy near a setup of barking dogs or near a crate with a dog that throws a fit every time someone walks near him. This could ruin a good show dog forever. Been there. Done that.

You need to know how and when to bait. Unless you are showing to that rare judge that doesn't allow bait in his ring, it's a great tool if done correctly. (Go to the ring sometime during the day to see if the handlers are using bait or not). Holding the bait about a foot from the puppy's head works well most of the time, but try different distances to see what works best for YOUR particular puppy. You want it close enough to keep his undivided attention, but not so close that he tries to grab it out of your hand. With the pup concentrating on the bait, it helps keep the dog still while the judge is going over him, but don't let him be chewing while the judge is trying to examine his bite, head or shoulders. When the judge's hands move to the topline, it's ok to let Fido have a bite. In fact, if you don't let him have a taste at that time, he may either lose interest and turn his head to watch the judge, turn completely around to GET to the judge, or go wild, lunging to get his treat - none of which is a good thing. Then continue baiting (with an occasional bite) while back in the line to keep the puppy focused and standing in an alert pose. (Some judges keep looking back at the line to compare the dog they are examining to the ones they have already gone over). You have to have enough bait to let them actually have a bite now and then, because the smart ones will figure out that if they aren't getting anything, why bother - and there goes the ears and expression. Be sure to keep it FUN at all times.

Don't be serious the whole time you're in the ring. Play. Let your pup jump up on you a few times. Remember that this period is partly for training to do well, but also to teach your puppy to ENJOY the ring. Be prepared with the right bait. If your puppy is one of those that goes crazy at the sight of food, you'll probably discover that a pocketful of ordinary kibble is the best choice. Just one piece at a time works great with these puppies. When I use liver or chicken with a puppy like this, they just get too excited and are uncontrollable. Some pups, on the other hand, are so excited or overwhelmed just being at a dog show, that they really aren't interested in food at all, so you have to really tempt them with something special. Other sights, sounds, and smells are much more fun to them, or they are just too frightened to be interested in food. These puppies are more of a challenge. Don't just assume that liver, or even sirloin steak, will be the answer. And don't assume that just because he would bait at your setup that he will bait in the ring.

Test your bait. The time to test is standing ringside, among other people and dogs. Have all kinds of bait with you. Instead of spending money on lots of different treats and foods, you can sometimes pick up samples from vendors at the show. Start with the kibble. If your puppy loves it, and it will hold his attention, use it. If kibble is boring, try something else until you find what works best for YOUR puppy. A puppy I showed recently spit out the adored home-cooked, garlic-flavored liver. He also spit out Rollover, as well as real cheddar cheese. It was finally peanut butter doggie cookies that suited him that day. So you never know, and don't assume. You need to test right before going into the ring.

Don't confuse your pup. Now that you know what Fido likes, do NOT take all the other kinds of bait in your pocket into the ring! Don't do what I once did. I had been getting good expression with Rollover, but that night I had steak for dinner, so I stuck a few left-over pieces, along with the Rollover, in my pocket the next day, knowing it would be a big hit. Sounds like a good idea, right? I gave my puppy a tiny bite of the

steak, and he loved it, but on the down and back, at that exact moment when you come into the judge and want to give great expression, I reached into my pocket and pulled out what I thought was steak...but it was Roll-over. The puppy very disrespectfully turned his nose up at the Rollover without even taking a bite and jumped up in my face. He had just tasted the steak and STEAK was what he wanted! On a given day, once you find what works, stick with that and that alone; then the next day, test again to see what works best. So now that your puppy knows how to stand still, he should learn how to move...a few tips on that later.

See you at the ring, and don't forget that winning shouldn't be your goal, (although you could be pleasantly surprised), but just have fun with your puppy and, with time, the wins will come.

Barbara Brown

TICK TIME

This way to remove a tick is being promoted via e-mails. It works in those places where it's some times difficult to get to with tweezers, between toes, in the middle of a head full of dark hair, etc.

Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and swab it for a few seconds (15-20), the tick will come out on it's own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away.

IN MEMORIUM

HR Amigold Smoky Mtn Legacy CDX SH WCX VC
11/8/93--5/9/07

He was without doubt the funniest dog I have ever owned, from swaying like a cobra on the long sits in Open A until he toppled over with sheer boredom, to retrieving a bird boy's sack lunch instead when he couldn't find the duck, to peeing on the photographer's photo stand when he took his first 2 points, to carrying around giant tree branches in his mouth and whacking all the other dogs in the yard loopy by accident when he ran around. Memphis' theory of life was, if you can't be good, at least be entertaining. He'll be missed very much.

Terry Thornton

GOLDEN RETRIEVER FOUNDATION PLEDGES \$500,000 TO MORRIS ANIMAL FOUNDATION CANINE CANCER CAM- PAIGN

Denver/May 1, 2007 – The Golden Retriever Foundation (GRF) has responded to the launch of Morris Animal Foundation's Canine Cancer Campaign with a pledge of \$500,000 over a five-year period. The organization becomes the first breed foundation or club to pledge a major gift to this project. "Cancer is the leading cause of death among Goldens, as it is among many breeds," said David Kinghorn, GRF president. "We hope that other breed groups will follow our lead and support this important endeavor." The Canine Cancer Campaign is an unprecedented \$30 million effort to cure canine cancer within a dog's lifetime – the next 10 to 20 years. With this gift, the Golden Retriever Foundation will become the first MAF Hero (those who give \$500,000 to \$999,999 to the campaign.) "We are very excited to become involved in this cancer campaign on the ground level," Kinghorn said. "Lymphoma and hemangiosarcoma are two of the cancers that most affect Golden Retrievers. We believe the research funded through this campaign will lead to treatments for these cancers and will help to improve the health of Goldens." "The Golden Retriever Foundation has been an excellent partner in Morris Animal Foundation's mission to improve canine health," said Dr. Patricia Olson, president/CEO of Morris Animal Foundation. "As the proud parent of a Golden named Socrates, I truly appreciate this gift. The MAF Canine Cancer Campaign will make great strides in prevention, treatment and hopefully cures for cancer, which affects half of all dogs over the age of 2."