



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**AGILITY TRIAL-8/16-17**

SEPTEMBER MEETING-TBA



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**August 5th 7:00 P.M.**  
**Central Market**  
**Coit Road and 190 (Bush)**

### **Doggie Dentistry**

Robert Wiggs, DVM, Dipl. AVDC

Dr. Wiggs is a 1973 graduate of Texas A&M University. He owns the Dallas Dental Service Animal Clinic, and is an adjunct associate professor at the Texas A&M University System's Baylor College of Dentistry. He is a past-president of the Dallas County Veterinary Medical Association, a member of the American Veterinary Dental Society and a past president, a charter Fellow of the Academy of Veterinary Dental College and past president. He has written several books on veterinary dentistry and is a noted speaker. Dr. Wiggs has received numerous awards for his work in veterinary dentistry.

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### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE-2009 Board**

If you are interested in being on the nominating committee for the 2009 board, contact Donna Todd.

## **AGILITY TRIAL-AUGUST16-17**

### **RAFFLE**

Donations for the raffle would be GREATLY appreciated. Since this is an all breed trial, probably non-breed specific items would bring in more people to buy tickets. Call Kathy Felix to let her know what you are bringing.

Even if you do not do agility, come watch, help, and support the club's newest endeavor.

### **AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day**

September 13, 2008 10am - 3pm

Dallas Fort Worth Metro Golden Retriever Club

Event Location: Pets West Event Address: 102  
Bear Cat Road : Aledo : TX 76008

Event Website: <http://www.petswest.net>

Kathy Felix Contact

Contact Telephone: (817) 478 - 1907

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There will be Agility and Obedience Demos, 4H drill team Demos. Numerous Breed Rescue Groups as well as a local all breed rescue. A Microchip clinic and a Pet photographer..

## BRAGS

## CONFORMATION

### Houston GRC Specialty 3/14/08

12-15 Mo PD

Regatta's Magnificent Obsession

Best in Sweepstakes (Cavness/Gulledge/Crowley)

### Dallas-Ft Worth Metro GRC Specialty 3/21/08

12-15 Mo PD

Best in Sweepstakes

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

### Austin GRC Specialty 6/1/08

Open Dog - 1st

Reserve Winner's Dog (4 pt Major)

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

### Austin GRC Specialty 5/31/08

Sweepstakes 15-18 Mo PD - 1st Place

Regatta's Top Gun (McClain/Gulledge)

Lake Minnetonka KC, Jordan, MN June 7, WD/BOW - 4 pt major.

Can. Ch. Glengowan's Authentic Playboy Can SDHF (Romeo) (Kashuba/Caldwell) -

Lake Minnetonka KC, Jordan, MN June 8

WD/BOW - 4 pt major.

Can. Ch. Glengowan's Authentic Playboy Can SDHF (Romeo) (Kashuba/Caldwell)

Kenora (Ontario) & District Dog Club June 13

Best in Show

(Can. Ch. Glengowan's Authentic Playboy Can SDHF (Kashuba/Caldwell))

Louisiana Kennel Club, Houma, LA, Saturday, June 14:

Best of Breed

Ch. Schoolhouse A, Bee, C's (Sting - Patti and Dick Caldwell) -

WD

Glengowan's Great Balls of Fire (Jerry Lee - Dick and Patti Caldwell)

Louisiana Kennel Club, Houma, LA, Sunday, June 15:

Best of Breed

Ch. Schoolhouse A, Bee, C's (Sting - Patti and Dick Caldwell)

WD

Glengowan's Great Balls of Fire (Jerry Lee - Dick and Patti Caldwell) -

June 19, Anoka County KC, Cambridge, MN

Best of Winners (1 pt)

Can. Ch. Glengowan's Authentic Playboy Can. SDHF (Kashuba/Caldwell)

June 20, Anoka County KC, Cambridge, MN

Best of Winners (2 pts)

Can. Ch. Glengowan's Authentic Playboy Can. SDHF (Kashuba/Caldwell)

June 21, Cambridge MN KC, Cambridge, MN

Winners Dog (1 pt)

Can. Ch. Glengowan's Authentic Playboy Can. SDHF (Kashuba/Caldwell)

June 22, Cambridge MN KC, Cambridge, MN

Best of Winners/Best of Opposite Sex (2 pts), -

Can. Ch. Glengowan's Authentic Playboy Can. SDHF (Kashuba/Caldwell) **NEW CHAMPION!**

June 27, 2008, Argus Kennel Club Show#1, Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Best in Show, 152 Top Dog Points

Romeo (Am. Can. Ch. Glengowan's Authentic Playboy)

June 27, 2008, Argus Kennel Club Show#2.

Best in Show, 157 Top Dog Points.

Romeo (Am. Can. Ch. Glengowan's Authentic Playboy)

June 28, 2008, Argus Kennel Club Show#3.

Best in Show, 161 Top Dog Points.

Romeo (Am. Can. Ch. Glengowan's Authentic Playboy)

June 28, 2008, Argus Kennel Club Show#4.

Best in Show, 142 Top Dog Points.

Romeo (Am. Can. Ch. Glengowan's Authentic Playboy)

June 29, Argus Kennel Club Show#6.

Sporting Group 1, 39

Top Dog Points.

Romeo (Am. Can. Ch. Glengowan's Authentic Playboy,

Romeo after these results is the #1 golden, #4 sporting dog, and #18 all-breed in Canada, with 1965 Top Dog points for 2008.

Seminole KC, 5/26/08,

WD, BOW

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

Austin GRC, 5/31/08

2nd Open -

Tempo's Texas State Of Mind (Wadsworth,  
Brown)

Austin GRC, 5/31/08

RWB from 9-12 mo. class and

1st in 9-12 mo. sweeps

Wyndehill-Tempo's Razzle Raindrops  
(Meddaugh, Littleton, Brown)

Austin GRC, 6/1/08,

RWB from 9-12 mo. class -

Wyndehill-Tempo's Razzle Raindrops  
(Meddaugh, Littleton, Brown)

Middlesex County KC, Topsfield, MA

June 15, 2008

WD/BOW

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

Walkkill KC, New Paltz, NY June 19, 2008

WD/BOS

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

Penobscot KC, Cumberland, ME

June 21, 2008

RWB

Wyndehill-Tempo's Razzle Raindrops  
(Meddaugh/Littleton/Brown)

Little Rock, Ark, Saturday

12-18 month 1st

Coralace's Brother Bear (Mashala Horton)

Little Rock, Ark, Sun

12-18 month 1st WD

Coralace's Brother Bear (Mashala Horton)

Louisiana KC, Houma, LA, June 14, 2008:

WD (1 point)

Glengowan's Great Balls of Fire (Jerry Lee)

Best of Breed

Schoolhouse A, Bee, C's (Caldwell)

Louisiana KC, Houma, LA, June 15, 2008:

WD (1 point)

Glengowan's Great Balls of Fire (Jerry Lee)

Best of Breed

Schoolhouse A, Bee, C's -

Mid-Del-Tinker KC, Thursday, June 26, 2008:

WD (3 point major) – **NEW CHAMPION!**

Glengowan's Great Balls of Fire (Jerry Lee)

Greater Collin KC, Thursday, July 4:

WD from 12-18 -3 point major

Tempo's Tin Star at Schoolhouse (Marshal) (Patti  
Branch Caldwell, Richard A. Caldwell)

BOS - Ch. Glengowan's Great Balls of Fire

(Richard and Patti Caldwell, R. Gear)

Texas KC, July 5, 3008:

1st, 12-18 dog; RWD (major reserve)

Tempo's Tin Star at Schoolhouse (Caldwells)

## **OBEDIENCE**

Tulsa Agility Club (UKC) June 21-22

Utility B– 2nd, first, third

Open B-3rd, first, first

3 high Combined, 2 HIT

U-UD Aero-Jett's Speaker of Tales UDX RE

SH OA AXJ NF WCX (Friick)

Greater Collin KC, Thursday, July 4

Novice A First - **TITLE!**

SHR Sheridon's Orig Irish Cream WC RN JH OAP

OJP NFP CGC (Farmer/Todd) (Handled by Sherri)

## GRN Field Issue

The DFWMGRC is placing an ad (full page) in the Nov/Dec issue of the GRN honoring the dogs in our club who have achieved a field, hunt or GRCA (WC/WCX) title.

It looks like we will be going to two pages for the field issue. Right now we have 18 dogs, so that would be about 17.00 per dog (the club is buying the first page). Each page cost \$295.

I would like to move up the deadline to give us a little more time for the creative.

If you email me the photo, it needs to be 300 dpi. If you want to send me the original, it will be returned to you. You can send in a picture of your dog in the field or a picture of your dog and yourself in the field, either will work.

So the new deadline is August 15th to let me know if you are going to participate and then the photos to me by September 1st. Be sure and include all the titles for your dogs and the registered name and call name and owners names.

Here are the requirements:

1. Dog must be alive.
2. Dog must be owned by club member and reside with them.
3. Any field title can be used.
4. Must send a 300 dpi photo to me (it will be returned)

Hope to hear from you soon!

Please send photos to:

Donna Todd  
3616 Parker Rd  
Wylie, TX 75098

## Board Minutes from 4-22-2008

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Donna Todd – President

Kathy Felix – Vice President

Linda Miller – Treasurer

Patti Caldwell – Corresponding Secretary – was absent

JJ Allen – Recording Secretary

David Brown – Member at Large

John Knapp – Member at Large – was absent

The President called the meeting to order at 7:15p.

### VICE PRESIDENT

The Agility Committee had its first meeting at Sherri's house.

The trial will be held in August, 2008. Alan Arthur and Pam Richcreek will be the judges for the August 2009 trial.

The ring crew will be comprised of the search and rescue group– paying them \$750 for Saturday and Sunday which is cheaper than the Sheltie rescue.

Raffle – A general raffle will be held on Saturday. Sherri obtained dog beds for the general raffle. Volunteer workers (non-paid workers) will receive 5 tickets each as well as a \$6.00 lunch ticket.

### TREASURER

Linda Miller reported that the Heart Clinic made \$1,094.00 on Saturday and \$1,400.00 on Sunday.

The club has \$4,700 in Operating Account.

### PRESIDENT

Dick Caldwell wrote a letter to the Dallas City Council regarding the ordinances being considered regulating mandatory spay and neutering and limiting the number of dogs per household. The membership should be encouraged to write as well.

Would like for our club to look at how other clubs handle Puppy Referral and consider reinstating our Puppy Referral service.

Would like to give our guest speakers a \$25.00 gift certificate each time.

Would like to have a "Play Day" for the membership to get together with their dogs.

Would like to redesign our club web page.

Would like to put a picture/spread of our club in the Golden Retriever News for the Field Issue.

What is the liability for the Officers of the club.

Need to talk to Sue Haas, CPA about the incorporation documents.

The Hunt trailer has not been taken care of. Guns are in disrepair. Donna went through the trailer and did an inventory of its contents.

The Lab people borrowed the trailer for their filed Trial.

The DFWMGRC has been asked to do another Specialty at the July 4<sup>th</sup> Market Hall show for 2009.

The club has not paid for the Sweeps Judges, and David Brown said that we should do so. The Board was in agreement to pay the Sweeps Judges.

### NEW BUSINESS

JJ Allen suggested that the club cater lunch to McClain's RV as a thank you for providing the RV for the Heart Clinic at the Western Specialty. The Board agreed that the club should do that. JJ agreed to contact McClain's to set up a date and arrange for the caterer.

## SNAKE PROOFING CLINIC

6380 P.R. 2712, Aubrey TX 76227

Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am to 12:00 pm

*(Pros or Individuals with 5+ dogs will be scheduled before 7:00 am start)*

Early Registration, before Wednesday August 13th: \$40.00

On-site Registration: \$50.00

Anyone that enjoys the outdoors with his or her dog is invited to participate in the Snake Avoidance Clinic. At this clinic your dog will receive training with a proven method of snake proofing where dogs are taught to recognize and avoid snakes. This can be a very important procedure as most dogs have a natural curiosity about snakes and will not naturally avoid them. Venomous snake bites can cause large vet bills, take several months for full recovery, and in some cases, be fatal for the dog

Please send the registration form and payment to:

**DFWLRC c/o Pam Boisvert**

**752 Apollo Ct.**

**Allen TX 75002**

Make checks payable to DFWLRC

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

EmailAddress \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Dog's: \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Refunds will not be issued for No-Shows

***(Pros or individuals with 5+ dogs please make a note on entry form or contact Pam directly for scheduling information)***

Thank you, and contact Pam @ 214-564-5037 or pbois34@tx.rr.com for any questions!!

#### **From Dallas:**

Take US-75 North

Take exit 41 toward US-380/Denton/Greenville

Turn left at W University Dr/US-380 W

Continue to follow US-380 W

Turn right at US-377

Turn right at FM-428/Spring Hill Rd

Turn right at Private Rd 2712 (Look for Tioga Retriever Sign on your right) **From Denton:**

Take US-380 E

Take US-377 N

Turn right at FM-428/Spring Hill Rd

Turn right at Private Rd 2712 (Look for Tioga Retriever Sign on your right)

**DFWMGRC**  
**MINUTES OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**May 15, 2008**

Prior to the meeting, Linda Miller introduced our speaker for the evening, Dr. Sandra Axiak, Veterinary of Oncology with Veterinary Specialists of North Texas. The topic of her presentation was lymphoma in dogs and specifically Golden Retrievers. She concluded her presentation at 7:25p.

The meeting was called to order at 7:26p.  
The reading of the minutes was waived.

**BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**President**

Donna Todd put forth several topics that she would like for the members to discuss. They were:

Agility Trial

Select judges for the 2009 Specialty

WC

GRN Field issue

Web page

**Corresponding Secretary**

Patti Caldwell read the following Applications for membership:

Robert W. Rehmert – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of application – 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting attended.

Keith Nunsy – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of application

Anthony Overstreet – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of application – 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting attended.

Carol Sandusky – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of application – 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting attended.

Cindi Williams – 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of application – 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting attended.

Cindi was asked to leave the room and was voted into the club by a show of hands.

Patti received a flyer about the Central Oklahoma Golden Retriever WC/WCX on June 8, 2008.

Patti also passed around a GRCA brochure about activities for a “Fun Day” for members and their dogs.

**Treasurer Report**

Linda Miller reported that the club currently has \$4,900.00 in the checking account. However, the club has not finished paying all of the bills for the 2008 Speciality.

**Report on WC/WCX**

Dick Caldwell asked everyone to be there no later than 6:45a. He said that we have enough birds for walk-ups. He needs help putting up the blinds.

**Agility Trial**

Sherri Farmer reported that she has a meeting on Sunday to finalize everything for the trial. She has the building, equipment and ribbons all arranged. The U.S. Heroes (Search & Rescue) are working for \$750.00 for the weekend. They will not be available on Friday to help unload trailers so volunteers are needed to help unload.

**New Business**

Donna Todd asked the membership if they would like to put an ad in the “Golden Retriever News” magazine. The membership voted to put a \$300 ad in the GRN Field Edition. The membership discussed the parameters of the picture for the magazine. Donna Todd will handle the details for the picture.

The web page for the club is being redesigned.

The club has an opportunity for another Specialty in July, 2009. Shari Degan asked if we would like to do a “Meet the Breed” at the July show. It would be good PR, would only be for 45 minutes, and would be right after the Goldens show.

The membership discussed whether or not to pay for Sweepstakes judges expenses. A motion was made by Sheri Farmer and seconded by Janet Frick to pay the Sweepstakes judges expenses. A discussion followed. Linda Miller said that reasonable expenses should be met and suggested a limit/maximum amount be set. Rita Robins wanted to know if we can afford to pay these expenses. Lynda Williams suggested that we table the discussion until after the Agility Trial and see how much we make on the Agility Trial. A motion to table the discussion was made by Lynda Williams and seconded by Rita Robins. It was voted on and carried.

The membership discussed the Judges for the 2009 Specialty. Janet Frick made a motion that the club open up the Obedience to all sporting breeds. The membership voted on opening up the Obedience to all sporting breeds, and it passed. Bonnie Baker, Lora Osborne and Elaine Gomez were recommended and voted on as Obedience judges. Bonnie Baker and Lora Osborne received enough votes to be asked to judge.

The membership discussed the Conformation judges for the 2009 Specialty. Judges nominated were: Carol Murry , Hatch Hatchel ,James G. Reynolds , Maruine O’Shanessy , Dennis Provosano , Kiki Kahn , Dennis Laturie , Carl Liebman A judge must have 3 votes to be eligible to be called. Dennis Laturie received 6 votes and would be the first one to be called. Kiki Kahn received 5 votes and would be the second one to be called. Maruine O’Shanessy received 3 votes and would be the third one to be called.

Janet Frick requested that the members give her their e-mail address so that they can receive the monthly newsletter by e-mail rather than through the USPS mail. This is to save the club money on mailing expenses/postage.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50p.

DALLAS-FT. WORTH METRO GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB, INC.  
MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
JULY 17, 2008

6 Board members , 14 members, and 3 visitors were present.

Visitors

Pam Richcreek – turned in application (1st meeting)  
Jan Burke– turned in application (1st meeting)  
Kathy Krenzien– turned in application (1st meeting)

20 members were present; a quorum was established (74 voting members; 15 needed for a quorum)

The meeting was held at Kathy & George Felix's house.

Barbara Brown gave a demonstration of grooming the ears, front feet, hocks, and tail.

After the demonstration, Donna called the meeting to order at 8:15 pm. No minutes were read as JJ hurt her back and was absent.

Rita Robins reported on the WC/WCX that was held on May 18, 2008.

WC Test      WCX Test  
12 starters, 7 qualifiers    10 Starters, 4 Qualifiers  
Rita reported that the event made approximately \$100 profit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Patti read the applications from Pam Richcreek, Jan Burke, and Kathy Krenzien, who were all attending their first club meeting.

2009 SPECIALTY:

Patti reported that the application has been sent in.

TREASURER:

Linda Miller reported that we have a balance of \$5,351. The specialty made a profit of \$919, which includes the raffle and the donation from Kathy Meddaugh for the rosettes. The heart clinics made a total of \$3,474 for the club.

BENCH COMMITTEE: No report

WAYS AND MEANS: No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Sweepstakes judges for 2009 Specialty: A discussion was held in which nominations for sweepstakes judge were taken.

Nominations were:    No. Votes  
Betsy Smith (Mississippi)    8  
Betsy Keith (Magnolia, TX)    6  
Laura Johnson Edwards (Fort Worth)    0

Carol Hoare (Washington State)    1  
Cathy Story (Virginia)    1

AGILITY TRIAL:

Sherri reported that the agility trial plans are all falling into place and everything is going well. She asked volunteers to contact Kathy Felix or Shari Degan.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kathy Felix reported that Pets West is having a Responsible Pet Ownership day the second weekend in September. Everyone thought it would be a good idea for the club to participate. AKC has been encouraging clubs in different areas of the country to host one.

Donna reported that we have several club members who want to participate in Meet the Breed at the July Market Hall Shows.

Donna brought up having another specialty with the Texas Combined Specialty Association in July at Market Hall. Everyone decided to wait until after the show and after our agility trial to see where the membership stands on it.

Barbara Brown mentioned that with the GRCA rule concerning handlers in sweepstakes and the new Amateur Owner Handler class that AKC will be starting in January of 2009, we might think about hosting a handling class. Everyone thought it would be a good idea, but we need to think about location and when we could have it.

Dick brought up how the GRCA handling rule is not followed and mentioned several instances of violations in recent shows.

Sherri mentioned that maybe we should discuss the sweepstakes handling rule we use for our specialty. She asked if anyone thought entries might be higher if we didn't have such a strict rule. The consensus was that the membership wanted to use the GRCA rule.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Sherri Farmer  
(In JJ Allen's absence)

**Newspaper Policies**

If you would like a brag in the newsletter, please send it to [jfric@aol.com](mailto:jfric@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.

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- (a) indicates applicants  
(h) indicates honorary members

## **MACH Taz--THANKS**

It is never the destination, but the journey, that truly matters.

It took us almost 7 years, over 4,000 miles on two consecutive Suburban, a lot of Wendy's singles with cheese, 16 tons of liver treats, and three pairs of running shoes to get us from our very first Novice A run—a JWW second place at the October 2001 GRCA National Specialty in St. Louis MO---to our MaCh victory lap in Tulsa OK in May 2008.

We (obviously) weren't the fastest, or the one everyone stopped to watch, except when Taz amused the audience—and caused a NQ--by dashing up to lick the judge's chin, or a steward's nose (seriously, this happened a LOT). We won't be in any record books, other than the one that lists the oldest goldens to MaCh (as of now, we are in fifth place on that list).

Taz and I entered this mysterious world of agility together in Novice A. And let's face it, for the longest time, I was just a terrible handler, and yet, she forgave my every misstep, blunder, and stumble. Taz never cared if we qualified or not. And often, we did not. Yet, we kept running, as much as my career and my busy life would allow (which wasn't often sometimes), enjoying the journey—meeting new friends, going new places, cheering others as they finished titles, consoling friends with bad agility days. I met some of my very, very best friends during this meandering journey that took over 1/7th of my life, and gathered some of my most delightful memories. After years of competing in field trials and conformation and obedience, suddenly, it was all about the dogs and having fun, not about winning or hoping someone else would lose. What a refreshing concept.

Agility gave me a chance to refocus after stressful work weeks, or disturbing life events. I ran agility two days after my mother's funeral, tears streaming down my face through my pain, finding healing in the companionship of my dog. I ran agility the day after my divorce was final, finding peace in the familiar rhythm and quiet of walking and thinking through a course. I ran agility the day after I met my current husband (on a blind date), and he drove out at 9 a.m. that morning to a chilly barn in McKinney to watch this girl he had just met do this strange thing called agility. I swear my feet never touched the sand that day (that was a DQ for the Taz team that day, and he thought it always was going to be that easy. Boy, was he ever fooled!).



Then, in February of 2008, with 49 points left to go for her MaCh (and over 40 DQs--we weren't fast but we WERE consistent), Taz broke her right foot playing bumper chase in the back yard. She was 10 ½ years old and I was convinced the journey was done. I was sad, but resigned, because the MaCh title was never truly the point of all this. So I put away her training leash and gave her all the love I could just for being who she was.

She came out of her cast 5 weeks later, limping, and so we started swimming together for rehab. Two weeks later, the limping was non-existent, and she started jumping on and off my bed (despite my constant pleas of "DON'T DO THAT!"), and then she started whining and dancing when I worked my younger dog. So I cautiously took her back out to the course, over very low jumps at first. She nearly knocked me down with excitement. Two more weeks of careful rehab and suddenly she was back at the game and ecstatic to be there.

So a few shows later, despite some typical handling bobbles by mom, and we took that victory lap on Saturday—the lap that was never supposed to happen.

Some people have commented that a dog that takes this long to get a MaCh shouldn't be called an agility champion. To them, Taz and I simply say, phooey. We say, look out from your competitive blinders, and realize what this title is supposed to be all about— about sharing love, good times and joy with your dog, not simply about placements and glory. The latter is fleeting. The former stays with you forever, even long after your furry companion has left your side for the one great Master.

Taz, without any doubt, is a champion in all aspects, but most importantly, in my heart.

And that is all that matters.

My computer simply isn't big enough to thank everyone who supported us on this journey throughout the years: Patti Drom, the only instructor Taz ever needed or wanted, and the sideline cheerleaders: Jann Gentle, Karen Couch, Herb Blaise, Jody Faulkner, George Ostrander, Sally Sherman, Dave Gannon, David Bull, Randy Huff, Janet Frick, Susan and Gary Beckmann, Julie Casey, Judy Cerney, Sherri Farmer, Donna Todd, Terri Schmidt—you guys are awesome. You never let me give up! Taz and I wish you upright bars and solid contacts forever

## DOUBLE REHAB\_TAZ AND JIM



### Keep-Cool Tips for Dogs

- Avoid intense activity between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Darker-colored dogs have a tendency to get hotter quicker and take longer to cool down than lighter-colored dogs.
- Allow access to shade throughout the entire day. A particular area may be shady in the morning hours and sunny in the afternoon.
- Dog houses are insulators for heat. In most cases the temperature inside the dog house is higher than outside.
- Cool, fresh water should always be accessible to your dog. Ice water is not recommended because the cold causes constriction of small blood vessels.
- If dogs are left inside during the day, make sure air conditioning is always available to them. If your home has a basement, allow your dogs access to this area.

Keep an extra thermometer handy during training. The normal range for a dog is between 99 and 102.5 degrees Fahrenheit. The only accurate way to take a dog's temperature is through the rectum.

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