



UPCOMING EVENTS

Specialty– March 20, 2009

Hunting Test– April 11, 2009

WC/WCX– April 12, 2008



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September 15th –Meeting Social and Business

7 P.M.

SPRING CREEK BARBEQUE

Grand Prairie, Texas.

4108 South Carrier Parkway, Grand Prairie, Tx 75052
(972) 264-7725

South Carrier is west of Belt Line off of I20.
When you reach S. Carrier go south.

Come early and Eat together if you wish.

Statistics

It is time to start gathering your statistics for trophies and awards. Rules and Applications are available on the club WEB site..

Mail to Janet Frick , 465 Bee Caves, Lucas 75002

NOMINATING COMMITTEE-2009 Board

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

HUNT TEST and WC/WCX

The weekend of April 11-12 has been selected for the club's Junior/Senior and WC/WCX tests. Contact Richard Woodmansee if you are interested in helping or if you have suggestions for judges for either event.

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

Email: k.felix@tx.rr.com

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..

Newspaper Policies

If you would like a brag in the newsletter, please send it to jfric@aol.com or 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.

BRAGS

CONFORMATION

Golden Retriever Club Of Greater Toronto Specialty Saturday, July 19.

Award of Merit

CH. Glengowan's Authentic Playboy

Golden Retriever Club Of Canada Regional Specialty Sunday, July 20.

Best of Breed

CH. Glengowan's Authentic Playboy

Greater Collin County KC, 7-4-08

3rd Open Dogs

Tempo's Strike Up The Band (Chapman, Brown)

Texas KC, 7-5-08

4th Open Dogs:

Tempo's Strike Up The Band (Chapman, Brown)

2nd Open Dogs

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

Trinity Valley KC, 7-6-08

2nd Open Dogs:

Tempo's Strike Up The Band (Chapman, Brown)

1st Open Dogs and **New Champion:**

CH Tempo's Texas State of mind (Wadsworth, Brown)

Lakeheads KC, Kakabeka Falls, Ontario., July 25:

Group 1st

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

Saturday, July 26:

Group 1st and Reserve Best in Show

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

Sunday, July 27:

Group 1st and Reserve Best in Show

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

Longview TX KC, Sunday, July 27

Best of Breed, Group 3

Ch. Glengowan's Great Balls of Fire (Jerry Lee) (Caldwell/Branch Caldwell/Gear) -

Austin GRC Specialty June 1, 2008

WD -4 pt Major Win

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

Memphis Kennel Club - August 17, 2008 -

Winners Bitch

Mohrgold You're In My Heart (Degan)

Saratoga New York KC August 6, 2008

WB/BOW

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

Glens Falls KC August 7, 2008

WB

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

August 8, 2008

RWB

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

AGILITY

DFWMGRC Trial - Saturday, August 16

4th Place, Novice Standard Preferred

CH Ducat Rock Me On the Water ("Whiskey") (Farmer/Todd)-- **TITLE! !!**

Nov Preferred 20" 1st Place Q

CAMLIN Once More With Feeling (Felix)

ExB Standard Preferred 16" 1st Place Q

REMUDA'S One More Last Chance AX,AXJ, AXP,MJP (Felix)

TEXAS KENNEL CLUB AGILITY TRIAL 8/24

ExB Standard Preferred 16" 2nd Place Q

REMUDA'S One More Last Chance AX,AXJ, AXP,MJP (Felix) **TITLE !!!**

EXA Standard-first

2 EXB JWW-Q and 6 MACH points

U-UD Aero-Jett's Speaker of Tales UDX RE OA AXJ NF SH WCX (Frick)

AGILITY TRIAL GOES OFF WITHOUT A HITCH!

Sherri Farmer, Trial Chair

The club has been discussing an agility trial for several years. A group of us decided to grab the ball and run with it – a whole team of TERRIFIC people! We held our first DFWMGRC Agility Trial on August 16-17 at Watt Arena in Fort Worth. The cooperation and camaraderie were a welcome breath of fresh air. What a treat to see everyone working together, getting along, and having a great time!

We had a total of 1294 runs over the weekend, and didn't hear a complaint one! I received numerous thank you notes and emails of praise.

I would like to acknowledge the people who worked to make the trial such a success. Everyone deserves a HUGE pat on the back!

Kathy Felix -- Hospitality Chair - OMG!!! This girl can work!!! She is simply amazing... You talk about an organizer... she's unbelievable! I would walk up to her and say something like, "You know what, Kathy, I sure wish we had thought to do nah-nah-nah," and every time she would say, "Oh, I did that." Never failed once! Simply amazing. The raffle she put on was unsurpassed!! **George Felix** was right there working with Kathy the whole time. I have a feeling all of the hard work was definitely a team effort here!

Shari Degan - Chief Ring Steward, and trailer hauler, and course builder, and volunteer scheduler, and scribe runner, and on and on and on. What a trooper. I think Shari was the most tired of anyone at the end. I don't even want to think about counting the number of times she ran up and down the stairs. Great job, Shari!

Debbie Clark - Assistant Chief Ring Steward -- took absolute charge of the flow of the jumpers ring and did it without a hitch (and that's a big job!). Thanks, Debbie!

Terry Thornton and Gary Beckmann - Chief Course Builders. Fabulous! Terry even brought her own measuring wheel! Course building is an all-day job, jumping up between each class to move equipment and set the course up for the next group. No rest for this crew. The job ends with loading the trailer. The cooperation and efficiency with this group was amazing. **Jim Richardson** was an equipment-moving machine as well, and **Susan Beckmann** was there on Friday to help unload the trailer.

Lynda Williams -- Awards Chair. This, too, is an all-day job, not ending until long after the last runs are finished. Lynda had to make sure all the standings were posted and all qualifying score stickers were on the qualifying ribbons, that they were paired with the placement ribbons, and organized so qualifiers could pick them up. She must have done a great job because I never heard one complaint about the scores not being posted timely or the ribbons not being readily available – and that's the most common complaint heard at an agility trial.

Linda Miller – the money lady! Not only did she have to keep up with all the money before the trial, she also had to make sure all the trial-day checks were written and distributed. The hardest part of her job had to be putting up with me asking about the money... never-ending emails from me. :o)

Donna Todd – what can I say about Donna? Her job was to do everything I didn't want to do or didn't have time to do. There's no way to list everything she did, but I know we couldn't have done it without her! I know she's sick of hearing me say, "Donna, do you think you could....."

Nancy Crowley put her artistic skills to good use putting together two beautiful gift baskets for the judges.

Then there were the trial-day volunteers who helped pull it all together...

David Brown picked up one of the judges from the airport, took her to get something to eat, and delivered her to her hotel. The bad part was the flight was an hour and a half late.

Patti Caldwell, Barbara Brown, David Brown and Jann Horswell manned the raffle table all day Saturday, selling a TON of tickets!

Patrick Harden and Steve Curtis both timed the jumpers ring all day long, Steve on Saturday and Patrick on Sunday

Pat Ingram and Lesley Pettengill very quickly learned the nuances of being gate stewards

Pam Richcreek (who will be one of our judges next year!) moved more equipment than I care to think about helping build courses, and unloading and loading the trailer

Janet Frick who was a wonderful timer for the open and novice standard classes both days.

Now, please remember that several of the above people are not "agility people," but they are very quick learners!

We also had several non-club members who jumped in....

Herb Blase is a DAWG member who brought and set up the timing equipment, as well as lent us his skills as a course-builder extraordinaire! Frankly, I'm not sure how any agility trial gets done without Herb!

Liz and Alan Arthur (Alan, who was the judge for our Sanctioned A Match, will also be one of our judges next year!), both members of Fort Worth Kennel Club, were working right along with all of us as well.

Of course, with success comes a price... we get to do it all again next year! I have a feeling that we'll all be up for it again. It was great fun

Tamerie Ballance was an excellent equipment-mover/trailer loader as well.

Of course, a major player was **Mary Johnson**, our trial secretary. It is amazing to me what Mary does and what she knows off the top of her head. This truly could not be done without Mary.

I'd also like to thank our judges for a great job... **Rachel Long** and **Judith Flagle**.

The true mark of a great committee is that it all happened without much supervision at all. Most of the time I had no idea what anyone was doing... I didn't need to know. It was all just clicking and running smoothly. I just stood back and watched the well-oiled machine do its thing. At one point George Felix said, "How come every time I look around, you're just standing there and all these other people are working?" I said, "That's because I know how to get good help!"

Thanks to everyone! Job well done! (I sure hope I didn't forget anyone... there were so many people working, it was hard to keep up.)

A Note from Kathy Felix

Thank you to Club members who donated something toward the Agility Trial Raffle. I only meant to have a little something extra for Competitors to enjoy. Some of our favorite Agility vendors graciously donated items which also helped make the Raffle a HUGE success. Thank you also to Barbara Brown, Patti Caldwell and Jann Horswell for working the Raffle Tables.. With your help tickets sold for the Raffle brought in \$700.+



A PET'S TEN COMMANDMENTS.....

1. My life is likely to last 10-15 years. Any separation from you is likely to be painful.
2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.
3. Place your trust in me. It is crucial for my well-being.
4. Don't be angry with me for long and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment, but I have only you.
5. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I do understand your voice when speaking to me.
6. Be aware that however you treat me, I will never forget it.
7. Before you hit me, before you strike me, remember that I could hurt you, and yet, I choose not to bite you.
8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, I have been in the sun too long, or my heart might be getting old or weak.
9. Please take care of me when I grow old. You too, will grow old.
10. On the ultimate difficult journey, go with me please. Never say you can't bear to watch. Don't make me face this alone. Everything is easier for me if you are there, because I love you so.

Take a moment today to thank God for your pets. Enjoy and take good care of them.

Life would be a much duller, less joyful experience without God's critters.

WHAT TO PUT IN YOUR FIRST AID KIT AND OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Important things to know when treating an ill patient:

A dog's normal temperature is 99.5 - 102.2 F (cats 100-101.5 F)

A dog's pulse is 60-120 beats a minute

Respiration - 14-22 breaths per minute

1TSP= 5 ml.

Things to include that can be used to treat dogs medically:

Pepto bismol - Liquid - 3-4 tablespoons every 6 hours

Benadryl (allergic reactions/bee stings etc.) - 1-2 mg. per lb. every 8 hours

Aspirin - pain - 5 mg. per lb every 12 hours

Honey - to raise blood sugar

Hydrogen Peroxide to induce vomiting - 1-3 tsp every 5 minutes

Other Useful things to have in your first aid kit:

Gauze

Vetwrap

Panty Hose (to use as a muzzle)

Adhesive Tape

Sterile Pads

New Skin for burns

Antibiotic ointment

Betadine

Rubbing Alcohol

Saline Solution for eye rinse

Vaseline

Scissors

Tweezers or Forceps

Hemostats

Wire Cutters

Ice Pack

Clean Cloth for washing areas

Syringe

Latex Gloves

Heat Pack

Stick to use as a splint

Nail Clippers

Thermometer (rectal or ear type)

Bulb syringe

Cotton Balls and QTips

Safety Pins

Razor Blade

Needle

Ear Wash

From Your Vet:

Antibiotics

Metronidazol (sp)

Eye Ointment

Cortisone Spray

Panalogs

(anything he/she feels is safe for you to administer in an emergency)

Always have your vet's number handy - regular and emergency numbers

Exercised Induced Collapse

These websites link to the University of Minnesota doing the study and diagnosis for Exercise Induced Collapse. They have now found that EIC affects some goldens, field bred as well as others. These websites should be of interest to club members who seem to have dogs that tolerate the heat/exercise poorly. There is now a blood test that can determine if your dog does indeed have this malady

<http://www.vdl.umn.edu/vdl/ourservices/guidelinefiles/canineneuro/home.html>

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WHAT A TITLE MEANS

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 honour the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in the record and in the memory for about as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard. And though the dog himself doesn't know or care that his 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, and adaptable, and good-natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that please you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed. And a Title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with him because he was a good dog, and that you believed in him enough to give him yet another chance when he failed, and that in the end your faith was justified.

A Title proves that your dog inspired you to have the 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 before or after the name.

A Title is nothing less than love and respect, given and received permanently.

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XYLITOL WARNING

Even if you don't have a dog of your own, this is important information that may save the life of a dog you know. <http://www.snopes.com/critters/crusader/xylitol.asp>

Warning to all dog owners - pass this on to everyone you can. Last Friday evening, I arrived home from work, fed Chloe, our 24 Lb. dachshund, just as I normally do. Ten minutes later I walked into the den just in time to see her head inside the pocket of Katie's friend's purse. She had a guilty look on her face so I looked closer and saw a small package of sugar-free gum. It contained

xylitol. I remembered that I had recently read that sugar-free gum can be deadly for dogs so I jumped on line and looked to see if xylitol was the ingredient. I found the first website below and it was the one.

Next, I called our vet. She said to bring her in immediately.

Unfortunately, it was still rush hour and it took me almost 1/2 hour to get there. Meanwhile, since this was her first case, our vet found another website to figure out the treatment. She took Chloe and said they would induce her to vomit, give her a charcoal drink to absorb the toxin (even though they don't think it works) then they would start an iv with dextrose. The xylitol causes dogs to secrete insulin so their blood sugar drops very quickly. The second thing that happens is liver failure. If that happens, even with aggressive treatment, it can be difficult to save them. She told us she would call us.

Almost two hours later, the vet called and said that contents of her stomach contained 2-3 gum wrappers and that her blood sugar had dropped from 90 to 59 in 30 minutes. She wanted us to take Chloe to another hospital that has a critical care unit operating around the clock. We picked her up and took her there. They had us call the ASPCA poison control for a case number and for a donation, their doctors would direct Chloe's doctor on treatment. They would continue the iv, monitor her blood every ot her hour and then in 2 days test her liver function. She ended up with a central line in her jugular vein since the one in her leg collapsed, just as our regular vet had feared.

Chloe spent almost the entire weekend in the critical care hospital. After her blood sugar was stabilized, she came home yesterday. They ran all the tests again before they released her and so far, no sign of liver damage. Had I not seen her head in the purse, she probably would have died and we wouldn't even had known why.

Three vets told me this weekend, that they were amazed that I even knew about it since they are first learning about it too. Please tell everyone you know about xylitol and dogs. It may save another life.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION SHEET

(Everyone who travels with their pets should carry one of these sheets in the glove compartment of the vehicle, one in their wallet or purse and one attached to one of the crates that has been laminated and is visible to anyone who would have to go into your car/van in case you were in a wreck or other emergency)

ATTENTION - INCASE OF EMERGENCY!!!!

Owners Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Pet's Name: _____

Breed: _____ Sex: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Medical Information:

(This animal is current on all shots - it is of no threat to anyone he/she might come into contact with) the attending

veterinarian is: Name: _____ Phone # _____.

(If dog is not wearing a collar when in their crates, this animal's leash is located:

_____ and you will be in no danger should you open the crate and attach the lead.)

This pet has the following medical conditions that must be treated:

Dangerous dog legislation

It is currently illegal in TEXAS (under Texas State law, HSC Title 10, Chapter 822, Section 047) for cities, towns and other "home rule" municipalities to ban specific breeds or types of dogs (<http://tlo2.tlc.state.tx.us/statutes/hs.toc.htm>).

§ 822.047. LOCAL REGULATION OF DANGEROUS DOGS. A county or municipality may place additional requirements or restrictions on dangerous dogs if the requirements or restrictions:

- (1) **are not specific to one breed or several breeds** of dogs; and
- (2) are more stringent than restrictions provided by this subchapter.

Added by Acts 1991, 72nd Leg., ch. 916, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1991.

Several cities in Texas are actively working to overturn this statewide ban, so that they can pass laws to ban "pit bulls" or any other breed or type of dog they choose. These laws are known as "breed specific legislation" ("BSL") or "breed bans".

Several Texas cities, including Duncanville, DeSoto and others, have recently already passed "resolutions" favoring BSL; they cannot pass or implement an actual law until the state law is overturned, should that come to pass.

One Texas city, Madisonville, actually passed a breed ban law, but it was thrown out on a legal challenge, because it violated state law.

An intense lobbying effort is underway to encourage cities and towns throughout Texas to pass similar "breed ban" resolutions & laws.

Similarly, there is also activity underway to pressure the Texas State Legislature during the upcoming 81st session in order to overturn the current state law, thereby allowing cities to proceed with their BSL.

Everyone sympathizes with the victims of vicious dog attacks. However, as essentially everyone in the dog-loving community and experts from the public health & veterinary community understand, banning breeds or types of dogs amounts to little more than canine racism. Such laws fail to address the root problems of irresponsible dog ownership, while unfairly discriminating against well-behaved, good dogs because of their appearance. In Denver, CO, for example, passage of a "pit bull" ban resulted in the extermination of several hundred innocent dogs, based on appearance alone (http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2005-07-20-denver-pit-bull_x.htm, <http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/Story?id5154&page=1>)! Similar laws elsewhere in the US have likewise failed miserably & have been lifted (<http://www.canismajor.com/dog/cvgpbban.html>). In the Netherlands, a nationwide "pit bull" ban was recently rescinded as a failure, too (<http://network.bestfriends.org/international/news/27213.html>).

The current petition drive is designed to collect, count and verify at least 100,000 signatures from Texas voters to be presented to the Texas State Legislature during the 81st Session, **requesting that the current state law banning BSL be left intact. In other words, the petition seeks to keep BSL illegal in Texas.**

Although this effort is being spearheaded by the "bully breed" clubs and others who stand to lose the most if the petition fails, this is NOT just a "pit bull" issue. (As many as 13 or more breeds or types of dogs have been banned in jurisdictions across the U.S.)

What can YOU do?

1. Please encourage all Texas voters to sign the petition and to forward the signatures to the organizers by December 1, 2008.
2. Contact both local and state representatives and state senators, urging them to LEAVE the current law alone and to oppose any efforts to make BSL legal in Texas.
3. Stay informed of developments in your city or town.
4. Demand that your city or town enforce its current laws banning animal cruelty and roaming and vicious dogs: "Punish the deed, not the breed!"

For more information or to sign a petition, contact: **Mary Fivash-Gahagan, 6409 Glenmoor Drive, Garland, TX 75043 (tigerladytx@tx.rr.com)**

Making Our Seniors More Comfortable

Here's a few ways we can make life more comfortable for our Senior Golden. Don't forget to treasure every day with them.

Carpet runners for those old guys who find it harder and harder to risk the trip across a shiny floor. If your oldster is moving around less and less, maybe he/she needs a little security footing. A soft bed or two near the activity centers of the household .

Touching. The old fellows are a lot less demanding of your time than the youngsters. Just because they aren't pushing your hand where they want to be petted or climbing onto your lap, doesn't mean that they aren't just as needy of gentle massages, fondled ears and armpit tickles.

Mental stimulation. While it may become more time-consuming to take the old ones with you when running errands or visiting, they love to get out to see the world, even if it is from the back seat of the car. They also like new toys, new foods, new friends, new walks.

Exercise. Just because they are slower and more deliberate doesn't mean they don't need their daily walks.

Patience. Yours. These wonderful old ones have given you so much over the years, give them your patience. Everything takes a little (or a lot) longer for them to do and sometimes they need help. We all occasionally lose our patience when we are in a hurry. These guys have waited patiently for us every day of their lives. Let's return the favor.

And the easiest of all.

Love. Love them lots now because their time with you is limited and there are no second chances

What is a Golden

A fluffy wind-up teddy-bear with shoe button eyes
 and your best towel clutched in his teeth
 Nobility reclining on a grassy bank
 A white-faced old sportsman still keen
 for the whistle of wings
 In Spring a Golden will put mud on the carpets,
 fur all over your best navy blue
 and the flowering bloom of joy in your heart.
 A Golden is a flame of colour
 against dark summer covert,
 the spray of surf sent flying
 peace spread against cool earth.
 He is competence wearing a guidance harness,
 pride with a bird in his mouth,
 dignity wanting his tummy rubbed,
 elegance working in the swampland.
 A Golden has the understanding of a saint
 and a tail that challenges perpetual motion.
 Having a golden Retriever is never knowing where
 all your shoes are at any given moment,
 Hearing the neighbours call up because he's sleep-
 ing out in the snow instead of in his kennel,
 Keeping cups off the table because of his wild tail,
 and not being sure if you paragon will decimate a
 burglar or fix him a cup of tea and show him where
 the silver is
 Somebody else with a Golden is an instant ac-
 quaintance.
 Your veterinarian wishes all his patients were
 Golden's and you just wish you were as great
 as your Golden thinks you are.