



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Specialty-3/26/10

4/17/10-Hunting Test

4/18/10- WC/WCX



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## OCTOBER MEETING

**Wednesday OCTOBER 14**

**AT CENTRAL MARKET 320 Coit Road,  
Plano 75075**

Central Market is just off of Bush at the Coit exit. The meeting will be upstairs in the Community Room

**6:30-7 SOCIALIZE**

**7-7:30 ISH SPEAKER TBA  
MEETING FOLLOWS**

### 2010 Proposed Slate

President - Dick Caldwell

Vice President - Sherri Farmer

Treasurer - Susan Beckmann

Corresponding Secretary - Linda Miller

Recording Secretary - Pam Richcreek

Member at large - David Brown

Member at large - Janet Frick

Nominations may be made from the floor at the November meeting.

## STATISTICS ARE DUE SOON

Statistics for trophies are due November 15. The year for qualifying scores and placements ends October 30. So begin gathering your info. Forms are on the club WEB site and should be sent to Janet Frick. You can mail them to 465 Bee Caves, Lucas 75002 or send by e-mail to [jfric@aol.com](mailto:jfric@aol.com)

Nominations for the good Sportsmanship award should be sent to the board before the December Board Meeting..

## NEWSLETTER

Now that we are sending the newsletter by e-mail, it will be easier to put pictures in it. So, send me pictures directly and I will put them in.

Group wins, titling runs, puppies, rescue..all are cheerfully accepted

Don't forget that the deadline is the 25th of the month prior to publication.

## **BRAGS**

### **CONFORMATION**

August 29, 2009

West Central Oklahoma KC

Group One

BIS Ch. Glengowan's Great Balls of Fire SDHF  
9Dick and Patti Caldwell )

August 30, 2009

West Central Oklahoma KC

BEST IN SHOW

BIS Ch. Glengowan's Great Balls of Fire SDHF  
(Dick and Patti Caldwell)

Saturday, Sept. 26, Heart of the Plains KC:

Best of Breed, Group 3

MBIS CH Glengowan's Great Balls of Fire SDHF -  
(Caldwell)

Sunday, Sept. 27, Heart of the Plains KC:

Best of Breed, Group 2

\_MBIS CH Glengowan's Great Balls of Fire SDHF -  
(Caldwell)

### **AGILITY**

#### **GREATER COLLIN COUNTY KC 9/19**

Excellent A Standard Preferred -Q

Ducat Watermark River Seanan (Degan)

EXB JWW-Q

UOCH Aero-Jett's Speaker of Tales UDX RE MXJ  
AX OF SH WCX (Frick)

#### **GREATER COLLIN COUNTY KC 9/20**

Excellent A Standard Preferred -Q

Ducat Watermark River Seanan (Degan )

Novice standard P-first

CH Goldstorm Hard to Resist  
(Chapman...run by Todd)

## **HUNTING TESTS AND WC/WCX JUDGES**

Donna Todd and Sherri Framer will be heading the Spring Hunting Test. Pam Richcreek will be heading the WC/WCX. Please call them if you have suggestions for judges or are willing to work the tests.

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### **RESCUE GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The date of the tournament is Sun, Oct. 4. The details are on [www.golf4rescue.org](http://www.golf4rescue.org). There are links on rescue's home page to specific details that may be of interest ([www.rescuegoldens.org](http://www.rescuegoldens.org)).

If you are interested in playing or willing to help rescue with other volunteer jobs, contact Ann Horton at [coralace@peoplepc.com](mailto:coralace@peoplepc.com)

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### **Dog treats**

3/4 cup of quick rolled oats, 3/4 cup skim milk powder, 1 egg, 1 teaspoon dried minced garlic (more or less as desired) and 1 jar of baby food (something with meat). Drop by teaspoons on a greased baking sheet and bake for 15 minutes at 350 degrees. They must be refrigerated and used up fairly quickly or they will get moldy but the dogs love them and can smell the garlic



A NOTE from KATHY FELIX

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to the Raffle at the 2009 Agility Trial. It was a HUGE success,, not because of me,, but because of those who chose to participate.. Without all of you it couldn't have happened..

**!!THANK YOU!!**

First I would like to thank: PATTI CALDWELL, TERESA MCKENNA and LINDA MILLER for "working" the Tables... because of these ladies and amazing Raffle prizes we raised \$ **900.00** +  
\*\*\*\*\* AWESOME !!!!!

*I would like to recognize the following people and companies for their Contributions:*

**Members.....**

PAM RICHCREEK	JOHN & JANET FRICK
ANN BURKE	PAT INGRAM
TERRY THORNTON & JIM RICHARDSON	LYNDA WILLIAMS
LINDA & EDDIE MILLER	RITA ROBINS
PATTI & DICK CALDWELL	DAWN MORRILL
SHARI & JOHN DEGAN	LAURIE LONG
BARBARA & DAVID BROWN	LESLEY PETTENGILL
DONNA TODD	anonymous Member
	SHERRI FARMER

**Others.....**

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2MC DESIGN- Photography [www.2mcdesign.com](http://www.2mcdesign.com)  
PETS WEST-Supplies/Training [www.petswest.net](http://www.petswest.net)  
K9 KITCHEN & BAKERY [k9kitchen2003@yahoo.com](mailto:k9kitchen2003@yahoo.com)  
BEST FRIENDS FUN FARM-Elizabeth Evans [www.bestfriendsagility.com](http://www.bestfriendsagility.com)  
PROSPERING PAWS AGILITY SCHOOL [www.prosperingpaws.com](http://www.prosperingpaws.com)  
Susan Sexton and Suzi Nelson  
TEAM BLACK SNACK ATTACK [www.ziphiusecoservices.com/pets.htm](http://www.ziphiusecoservices.com/pets.htm)  
MAKCO-Mark Kmiecik [www.makcolaserengravedgifts.com](http://www.makcolaserengravedgifts.com)

Dallas-Fort Worth Metro Golden Retriever Club, Inc. Membership Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2009

**Opening:**

The regular meeting of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metro Golden Retriever Club, Inc. was called to order at 7:07 PM on September 14, 2009 at the home of member Donna Gullede, 4718 Forest Bend Road, Dallas, Texas by President Donna Todd.

**Present:** President Donna Todd, Vice-President Kathy Felix, Corresponding Secretary Patti Caldwell, Board members David Brown and Linda Miller

see attached sign-in sheet.

**A. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were not available to be read.

**B. Reports**

Vice President: Kathy Felix reported that the Fort Worth Kennel Club is hosting an AKC Responsible Pet Ownership Day on September 26, 2009 in a park in White Settlement. The Club will be participating and volunteers are needed, especially a face painter for the children.

Treasurer: Absent. No treasurer's report presented

Corresponding Secretary: Patti Caldwell gave a second reading of the Application for Membership of Trish and Gill Sloan. A third reading of the Application for Membership of Teresa McKenna was given. After discussion, the members present voted unani- mously to accept the application and welcomed Teresa as a Member.

Specialty Report: David & Barbara Brown attended the TCSA meeting. The application has been submitted to AKC. The contracts have been received from the judges, except for the Sweeps judge, whose contract is pending. The Sweeps judge will be paying for her own airfare. Hotel expenses will be paid for by the Club. The Heart Clinic and the Eye Clinic will be held again at the 2010 Specialty.

**C. Open Issues**

No items were discussed

**D. New Business**

1. Donna Todd reported that the August agility trial made an estimated \$9,000 to \$10,000 profit, although the final financial report has not been received from the Treasurer as yet. Included in that figure was the \$900 raised by the raffle which was run by Kathy Felix. Discussion followed for suggestions for expenditure of funds gained by the Club.

- Tablecloths with Club's logo to be used at events such as the silent auction at the Specialty.
- Donation by the Club to the RPOA (Responsible Pet Ownership Association) which is active in combating anti-pet legislation in the state and local communities.
- A smaller utility trailer to house and transport the Club's Hunt test equipment.
- Repair to the existing equipment trailer.
- Ads in future editions of the Golden Retriever News (GRN) acknowledging Club members achievements and including photo- graphs of member's dogs.
- Donations to Golden Retriever Rescue organizations

Suggestions will be referred to the Board and their recommendations will be presented to the membership at a later meeting.

2. **Motion:** made by Linda Williams that the Club make a Donation of \$250.00 to the Sporting Chance Golf Tournament to sponsor a hole at the fundraising event for local Lab and Golden Rescue organizations. Seconded, and **carried** without op- position

**E. Featured Speaker:**

Club member Ann Horton gave a presentation on organization and operation of the Dallas-Fort Worth Golden Retriever Rescue. Rescue is in need of volunteers and you can contact Ann at [rescue@dfwmgrc.org](mailto:rescue@dfwmgrc.org) if you are able to help. Ann introduced Julie Leopard, event coordinator, who spoke to the members about the Sporting Chance Golf Tournament, an annual event held in association with the Lab Rescue to raise funds which are shared by the Lab and Golden Rescue groups. Online donations may be made at [www.golfforrescue.org](http://www.golfforrescue.org) Raffle items are needed, and further information can be gotten by emailing [rescue@dfwmgrc.org](mailto:rescue@dfwmgrc.org) attn: Julie.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM by Donna Todd.

Minutes submitted by: Pam Richcreek

Approved by: Donna Todd

## **A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A PUPPY...AND THE OWNER or**

### **“How to Make a Normal 10-Minute Cleaning Job Last All Day.”**

10:00 a.m. – Puppy looks sleepy, probably getting ready to nap. Gather Sunday newspaper from couch and stack nicely on end table so I can take it downstairs to recycle bin later. Pick up all puppy toys from family room floor and put in basket.

10:05 a.m. – Get vacuum cleaner out of closet.

10:10 a.m. – Puppy has sprung to life. Play tug with puppy (how could I resist since he came bouncing over to me with braided fleece toy in his mouth?).

10:15 a.m. – Notice patio door window is covered with puppy nose prints and spit. Get Windex and paper towels from kitchen. Distract puppy with tennis ball while cleaning inside window. Notice outside is also dirty. Step outside to quickly clean it.

10:20 a.m. – Come back in and notice that paper towels are all unrolled from cardboard core and puppy is happily chewing on said core. Fold up remaining paper towels and shove them in kitchen cabinet. Tennis ball nowhere in sight.

10:25 a.m. – Take cardboard core away from puppy and set on top of newspapers (might as well make only one trip to recycle bin downstairs—smart, huh?).

10:30 a.m. – Plug in vacuum cleaner and start to vacuum. Smells funny.....must need bag changed. Go to closet to get extra dust bag. Take cover off of dust bag compartment to change bag. Knowing this could be a disaster, put used dust bag in trash safely in pantry cabinet.

10:35 a.m. – Spend five minutes looking for cover to dust bag compartment. Finally find it in bedroom cabana crate.

10:40 a.m. – Return to family room to finish vacuuming. Discover 16 puppy toys all over floor again and puppy shredding paper towel core. Pick up puppy toys and put them in basket and place basket in middle of kitchen table, so it's out of harm's way. Decide the earth won't be much worse off if I don't recycle one paper towel core, so I throw it in the trash where the vacuum dust bag is.

10:45 a.m. – Untangle puppy from vacuum cleaner cord. Start vacuuming.

10:50 a.m. - Notice puppy is very interested in something under tv stand. Must be something good, because he's trying to squeeze himself between cable box and audio system components.

10:55 a.m. - Turn off vacuum cleaner to see what is behind tv stand. I hope it's not something alive. Can't see anything but, whatever it is, it must be really good since Storm, puppy's sire, is also now very interested. Since 55" tv's are somewhat expensive and probably too fragile to be knocked off of tv stand, I decide I had better investigate more closely.

11:00 a.m. - Pull out cable box and crawl under shelf. Learn where missing tennis ball is. Remove ball from behind tv stand. Dogs couldn't care less about the ball now.

11:05 a.m. – Need to make sure I have reconnected cable box correctly. Turn on tv and see Dog Whisperer showing family how to dominate their Boxer mix. Watch for a few minutes because I'm certain someone is going to get mauled.

11:15 a.m. - Puppy is chasing something at back door. Must have let fly in when I was cleaning window. Good news—fly has been caught by puppy. Bad news—inside window in desperate need of Windex again.

11:20 a.m. - Windex is still on countertop. Get paper towel from my folded stash in cabinet and quickly clean window. Learn that wet puppy spit is easier than dry puppy spit to clean.

11:25 a.m. - Start vacuuming again. Notice puppy is sitting at back door looking at me earnestly. Decide puppy can “hold it” for just a few minutes. Finish vacuuming and let puppy outside. Praise puppy for being patient with me. Don't notice that puppy has anything in his mouth, probably because I was breaking up fence fight between 13-year-old Pepper and nasty dog next door.

11:35 a.m. - Let all dogs back in. Go to linen closet to get Swiffer Duster.

12:00 p.m. - Come back to family room, ready to dust, notice that puppy is crunching on something. Investigate and find that there is chewed up mulch on freshly vacuumed carpet. Good thing vacuum is not put away yet. 15 seconds later, carpet looks clean again.

12:05 p.m. - Can't find Swiffer duster. Hmm.....puppy gone too. Hear thumping sounds from bedroom. Find puppy wrestling with duster. Puppy sees me coming and takes off running for the family room. I decide to make this easier and make trade with puppy. Can't find any toys. Remember basket is on the kitchen table. Trade squeaky ball for duster with puppy. Go get new DRY Swiffer duster.

12:10 p.m. - Start dusting. Notice puppy come prancing thru room with new treasure. Closer inspection shows it is a piece an undergarment. Try the exchange thing again. Evidently, Victoria's Secret lingerie is worth more than a squeaky ball. Pull out bigger and better toy. Play with puppy for a few minutes. Decide I had better put folded laundry that is sitting on my bed before puppy gets more of it.

12:20 p.m. - Return to family room to finish dusting. Find that Sunday newspaper is now strewn all over floor. Puppy is lying in middle of paper chaos happily chewing on new clean duster. Threaten to beat puppy with duster.  
12:25 p.m. - Put duster on fire place mantle and gather up newspapers. Decide to take downstairs to recycle bin. Come back upstairs and find puppy curled up in kitchen crate, sleeping, which is probably where I should have put him over two hours ago.  
10 hours later – 10:30 p.m. - Notice that duster is still on mantle and room is still not dusted.

Submitted by Lori Curtright who owns one of Sally Sherman's puppies.



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## **Sugar-free ingredient called a dog killer**

By Patty McCormac

2:00 a.m. August 27, 2009

NORTH COUNTY — LuLu, a 2-year-old teacup Yorkshire terrier, ate sugarless gum that she pilfered from a purse that was left on a recliner in her Solana Beach home.

It almost killed her. What probably saved LuLu was owner Dorit Hanein seeing a gum wrapper on the stairs and remembering a poster listing toxic substances for dogs weeks earlier at a veterinarian's office.

"I don't know why I would make that connection, but it took about three seconds," Hanein said.

With the little dog vomiting and shivering, Hanein raced her to the veterinarian, who successfully treated 4-pound LuLu for xylitol toxicosis.

Veterinarians want pet owners to know they are seeing an increasing number of dogs that have ingested xylitol, through gum and other sugar-free sources. If the pet is left untreated, it will likely die, they say.

Symptoms are vomiting, weak and wobbly appearance or extreme lethargy. A dog's blood sugar can bottom out in 30 minutes, and a pet can fall into a coma, veterinarians say.

These symptoms can be observed from 30 minutes to 12 hours. The longer the pet goes without help, the more grave the condition becomes.

"They can go into liver failure, and it's a pretty bad, life-threatening toxicity," said Dr. Monica Clare, critical care specialist at Veterinary Specialty Hospital in San Diego, where LuLu was treated.

Clare said she has seen at least one or two cases per week during the past two to three months in their offices in San Diego and San Marcos.

Clare said a dog that has eaten sugarless gum should be taken to the vet immediately.

"We can induce vomiting if soon enough and save a lot of heartache later," Clare said. "Then we will want to monitor the pet for 12 to 24 hours to see what their blood sugar does and check the pet's liver two or three days after ingestion."

Xylitol is found in fruits, and the human body also produces it. In sugar-free gum, xylitol has been shown to inhibit the growth of plaque and help prevent tooth decay.

In humans, xylitol is absorbed slowly and has little or no effect on blood sugar or insulin levels. With dogs, it is quickly absorbed into the blood stream, causing an insulin release and sudden dip in blood sugar that can lead to liver failure, bleeding and death, said Dr. Ashley Weinberg of the Melrose Veterinary Clinic in Vista. Weinberg said she began hearing about dogs being poisoned by xylitol about two years ago and has seen an increase in cases.

"Two pieces of sugarless gum can be harmful or fatal for a 20-pound dog," Weinberg said.

Xylitol can be found in just about anything advertised as sugar-free, including candy, baked goods, energy bars, muffins, brownies, cookies, Jell-O, pudding, ice cream and toothpaste.

"It's amazing how many products contain xylitol, and I think it's getting to be more and more," said Dr. Valerie Caskey of Pacific Animal Hospital in Oceanside. "One pudding cup can cause harm to a 90-pound Rottweiler."

Union-Tribune

From SIGNNSANDIEGO.com

BOO!

Don't be scared, it's just me Jack. BOO I am really getting into this stuff called Halloween. Mommy took me to a Howl-o-ween party at Petsmart on Tues. night. They had a costume contest. It was pretty cool. I saw lots of my canine pals dressed up in all sort of funny costumes. I just wore my black and orange court jester collar. I think I looked pretty cool. I saw one dog dressed like a hula girl and two little Yorkies dressed like a pirate and a Indian princess. They were cute. One big lab was dressed like a pumpkin. He was funny and made mommy laugh, but I think he was a bit embarrassed and he actually told me he felt silly. Oh well, what we do for our humans..... I got my picture made there, but mommy thought it was dorky because the photographer didn't really try to get good pictures. The nice humans at Petsmart also gave us lots of doggie and human treats and even gave me a pumpkin to put on my collar. It was lots of fun. I saw one of mommy's friends there and she had her two dog pals with her and we got to play around a bit. Mommy has our porch all decorated. It is too bad you can't see my house. We have these pretty orange lights in the bushes, and lots of pumpkins sitting around. We even have the round thing hanging on our door that has eyeballs that light up. Can you even imagine that? I think it is going to be fun when the actual Halloween night comes. Mommy told me that kids come to our door and they are dressed up in funny, cute and sometimes scary outfits. I don't remember much about it last year, as I was just a little whipper snapper. I will try not to be scared when a ghost or goblin shows up, because mommy will assure me that it is only a neighbor kid under that costume. Last year a few of my neighbor dog pals came to my door for goodies. Woof, they had a great idea, so maybe I will go to their door this year and get a treat.

Boo and wags,Jack



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## DOGS CAN TEACH CHILDREN NEW TRICKS

A study was done with preschool children who had special needs. Each child was asked to perform simple tasks when he or she was either alone, with a stuffed animal, or with a trained poodle. The study author found that the children followed directions better when asked to perform a task with the poodle. In another study the children needed fewer prompts in an object recognition task when they were with the dogs rather than with another human. The author suggests the dogs help the children with both cognitive and motor skills. Rather than being distracting the dogs appeared to facilitate motivation and focus.

This study was reported in the APA Monitor in October 2009. Thus, there is more evidence that animal assisted therapy facilitates development and reinforces the notion that programs such as the Paws to Read and other such programs actually further educational objectives.

## AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day - September 26, 2009

Fort Worth Kennel Club hosted the day, securing the site and bringing together Breed clubs from all over Fort Worth/Dallas.. We were proud to be associated with this effort for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. Actually last year our club was the Host Club when the event was held at PetsWest in Aledo.

We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day. Thank you to Ann Burke for her help and advice and her beautiful boy, Scout for representing our Breed so well. Thank you to Sherri Farmer and her handsome boy Kahlua, who showed off his bumper retrieving skills. David and Barbara Brown came to help and brought sweet Harley who brought comments from visitors,,,, of how they had never seen a Golden Retriever with such a beautiful coat. Understandable when they also commented that they always shave there's down during the summer. Well this is what the day is all about,, educating the public...

Thank you to George and Katie for always being there for me,, even this day... I would also like to thank the following people for coming through with items that helped make our booth stand out above all the rest...

Linda Miller, Dick and Patti Caldwell, Lynda Williams and Stephanie Longinotti .

In fact our booth generated a "Game On" attitude with the Shetland Sheepdog group for next year... The Fort Worth Kennel Club will give away a CASH prize for the best booth.. So if you have any ideas, we would love to hear from you ...

There is also talk that we might combine the day with "Barktoberfest" which is heavily sponsored by "The Ticket sports radio station and takes place at Fort Woof Dog Park. If that happens it will be an amazing day.

Kathy Felix

