



## UPCOMING EVENTS

MEETING-JULY 1

AGILITY TRIAL  
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### JULY 1-PICKING THE JUDGES

Club Members:

Because of the rule of giving everyone 30 days notice for the meeting where we vote on the judges for the 2010 specialty, we are going to have a July meeting.

The meeting will be on Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at  
**Linda Miller's house at 7:00 pm:**  
**10807 Pinocchio**  
**Dallas, TX 75229**

*From LBJ/635 and Midway take Midway south to Royal Lane. Turn right (west) and go to the second street on the right and that is Pinocchio. Turn right, we are the first house on the left.*

Please be aware there is a conformation show every weekend in July, with most starting on Wednesday or Thursday, this is the reason we are having the meeting on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please send any judges recommendation to David Brown for conformation and Janet Frick or Shari Degan for obedience. Recommendations will also be taken from the floor the night of the meeting. We are looking for a show chair and an obedience chair, if you would like to volunteer please contact Donna Todd or David Brown.

Constitution and By-Laws Change

We will also be voting on a change in the By-Laws. Please read the information contained on page 3.

### LOOKING AHEAD

Nominating committee meets in September so let Donna know if you want to be on the committee or if you want to serve on the board.

Statistics for trophies are due the end of October, so begin gathering your info.



## **CHRIS ZINK SEMINAR**

When: February 20-21, 2010  
Where: Cobb Park Armory, Ft Worth, TX  
Times: Sat. 8-5pm, Sun. 8-4pm  
Cost: \$250 Working Slot, \$150 Audit  
Make checks payable to: MABOC  
Mail to: MABOC c/o Charlene Dunn  
6707 Silvercrest Dr. Arlington, TX 76002  
Seminar includes breakfast and lunch both days.  
Space is limited to 50 working slots

## **The Center for Spiritual Living's Animal Kinship Circle Presents The First Annual Pet Prayers and Blessing Faire Saturday June 27th**

Bring your pets to the Center for Spiritual Living located at International Place at 4801 Spring Valley, Dallas 75244. on Saturday, June 27th from 10:00 a. m. to 1:00 p.m. for individual prayers and blessings with licensed spiritual Practitioners.

Before and after your animal's blessing, be sure to visit the Faire in the Center's Pahnke Hall to hear expert presentations and talk with a multitude of local pet professionals. This is a free event, open to the public. Sodas and snacks available for \$1 each. Presentations on: What to do with a stray cat in your yard, a spiritual approach to a great relationship with your dog, what to do when your dog is aging, and how to meditate with your pet. At tables at the Faire, you will find information about everything from canine massage to nutritional information, dog resorts, pet day camp, animal communication, training your dog, animal acupuncture, and more.

Bring old linens and packaged pet food: Donation boxes for old linens and packaged pet food will be available. Pet food and linens received will be distributed to the North Texas Food Bank and local shelters.

### **TIPS for a Happy Faire Experience**

Bring pets on a leash or in a carrier or a cage  
Bring a picture or memento for pets that can't travel  
Notify staff if your pet is not socialized or needs special accommodations

## **Important Announcement from the GRCA Health & Genetics Committee**

We are very pleased to announce a new study to identify the genetic mutation responsible for Subvalvular Aortic Stenosis (SAS) in Golden Retrievers. Dr Joshua Stern is conducting the study at the Cardiac Genetics Laboratory of Washington State University, and needs blood samples from Goldens that have been diagnosed with SAS by Doppler echocardiogram (samples from some normal dogs are also needed). Publication of the canine genome and recent advancements in genetic technology make this an exciting and realistic opportunity to develop a DNA test to help us reduce the incidence of SAS in the breed and to enable breeders to eliminate the disease in breeding programs. PLEASE help by submitting samples from affected dogs and spreading the word about this important study! Owners and breeders may be assured that participation is confidential and privacy will be respected. Further information and sample submission instructions are available on the GRCA website at [http://grca.org/pdf/health/SAS\\_DNA\\_study6-09.pdf](http://grca.org/pdf/health/SAS_DNA_study6-09.pdf) or you may also contact the GRCA Research Facilitator at [rhondahovan@aol.com](mailto:rhondahovan@aol.com) With your help, it may soon be within our grasp to make SAS a disease of the past in the breed, and thank you in advance for your participation. Permission is given to forward this announcement and cross-posting is encouraged.



## RULE CHANGE NOTIFICATION

In March, 2009, the board voted to eliminate mailing the newsletter via US mail and send it via email to all members. It was noted that all members have an email address. This would save the club approximately \$600 a year in postage, office supplies, and copying costs.

A club member attended the board meeting on June 7 and challenged that the membership did not vote to change the bylaw requiring that the newsletter be mailed via US Mail and that the board was out of order by approving eliminating mailing the newsletter via US Mail.

Because other rules have been changed that eliminate the requirement of mailing the Newsletter via US mail, the board believes the changes to Article III, Section 1 removing the requirement to send the newsletter via US Mail were inadvertently omitted in the proposed rule changes submitted in December 2007.

In order to avoid unpleasant finger-pointing and argument, the simple solution is to bring the issue to the membership for consideration. Therefore, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 1, which states, in part, "Amendments to the Bylaws may be proposed by the Board of Directors," the board is presenting the following rule change to be discussed and voted on at the July 1 membership meeting.

The board's previous vote to send the newsletter via email will stand until the membership reverses the board's previous vote.

The proposed change is:

### ARTICLE III Meetings and Voting

#### **Section 1. Club Meetings.**

Meetings of the Club shall be held .... Written notice of each meeting shall be given in the official publications of the Club or by the Corresponding Secretary and shall be [mailed first class and postmarked] **sent** at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting. **The quorum for such meetings shall be twenty percent (20%) of the members in good standing and without a quorum no official business may be conducted.** Only for the purpose of electing new members, a quorum shall be 15 % of members in good standing.

Explanation: Remove the wording "mailed first class and postmarked" and replace with the word "sent."

The new rule would read, in part:

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## CHANGES ALREADY MADE BY CLUB VOTE

#### **Board Meetings.**

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held within the greater Dallas - Ft. Worth area in the months of February, April, June, August, October and December, in each year, at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board. Written notice of each such meeting shall be *sent* by the President at least five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting.

#### **Section 2. Voting on Amendments.**

The Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for the purpose, provided the proposed amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting and *sent* to each member at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

## You Don't Know Jack!

### The Company of a Good Friend

The day mom finished reading “Marley and Me”, I was lying on the couch, mom was in the chair. I could hear her crying; I kept looking over at her, my eyes raised. “Are you alright mom?” She didn't answer me and continued to read, more tears, more sobbing. “Ok, that's it!” “Let's Play!”

I brought her some toys and I barked at her until she stopped reading (and Crying) and played with me. (I really did it to make her stop crying, but don't tell her, shhh!) I, like Marley, rested my snout in my friend's lap and looked up into her eyes. As mom finished the book, she remembered this sentence in the story which truly sums up the way we (Mom and Me) feel about our dog friends. “Animals lovers are a special breed of humans, generous of spirit, full of empathy, perhaps a little prone to sentimentality, and with hearts as big as a cloudless sky”. Mom also felt this line from the book was quite profound. “It's just the most amazing thing to love a dog, isn't it? It makes our relationship with people seem as boring as a bowl of oatmeal.” Nodding her head and laughing, mom thought about our times together with pups and pup owners. Mom has come to the conclusion that when dog lovers come together, the oatmeal becomes covered with lots of brown sugar making each boring bite so special, tasty and wonderful.

We love all of our pup pals and pup owners. So in honor of Marley and all those amazing pups who have brought joy, laughter, smiles and yes, tears into our lives; Mom and I went for a long walk in the woods. We enjoyed the beauty of springtime, and I got to stop and smell everything I wanted to smell. I got to walk in the creek and get mud all over my paws. We didn't hurry back home like we usually do, we just enjoyed the moment, and what it means to enjoy the company of a good friend.

Happy wags,

Jack

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#### PICTURES FOR THE 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.



**DFWMGRC  
MINUTES OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
@ Spring Creek Bar-B-Que – Mesquite, TX  
May 11, 2009**

Donna Todd called the meeting to order at 7:00p.

**RECORDING SECRETARY**

JJ Allen had no report.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

Patti Caldwell reported that the club has eight new applicants. The members had a general discussion about doing more play days/fun days with our dogs.

Patti said that the Nationals need lots of volunteers. An application will be available online to volunteer, but the link is not active.

**TREASURER**

Lesley reported that the club has received the designation letter from the IRS approving the DFWMGRC as a 501(c)4 organization. The club will have to file a tax return later in the quarter.

Lesley reported that the club made a \$1,629.61 profit from the Hunt Test.

The club currently has a checking account balance of \$9,675.00 which includes paying the last half of the building for the Agility Test.

**2010 COMBINED SPECIALTY**

Patti Caldwell reported that the club has not received a check from our portion of the 2009 Combined Specialty. She has contacted the Secretary of the Combined Speciality Association, and she has not given the club an answer to why we have not received our our part of the proceeds. The Combined Specialty Association is having a meeting on May 24, 2009, and David Brown and Patti Caldwell will be there.

Patti said that the club needs to designate a chairman for next years' Specialty.

**HUNT TEST**

Rita Robbins reported that everyone had fun, and the club made a profit.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Rita Robbins expressed concern that the club needs better communication with its members to encourage better participation. She would like to see e-mail reminders go out to the membership prior to the meetings. Patti Caldwell said that she would start sending out e-mail reminders to all members. Donna Todd said that she would a demographic study to see where the members live to try and have "member friendly" meeting locations.

Kathy Felix asked for ideas for speakers for the meetings.

Donna Todd asked if there is any interest among the membership for hosting a seminar.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00p

## 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 airflow. 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 emphasize 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 retook 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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