



## UPCOMING EVENTS

SPECIALTY-March 20

Hunting Test- April 11

WC/WCX- April 12



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### MARCH MEETING

Central Market 3/16/09 Monday 6:30pm-9pm  
(meeting begins at 7)

Community room / 2nd Floor  
320 Coit Road  
Plano, Texas 75075

### DFWMGRC CLUB DUES FOR YEAR 2009

**\$25-family**

**\$20-individual**

**\$15-Junior**

Late dues, after February 1, may result in ineligibility for trophies and plaques at year end. Per the Bylaws:

“A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid as of March 1... Once lapsed, a membership cannot be reinstated without application as a new member...”

***THESE ARE NOW OVERDUE***

### RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED

We are looking for really nice items for the Raffle to be held during the Specialty in March....Be on the look out for anything that you could donate.. It doesn't have to be Golden related.. Please contact DAWN MORRILL at 972 217-1599 Let her know what you have and she will make arrangements to pick up the items. You could also bring the items to the March meeting. Thank you for your support.

### PARADE OF TITLEHOLDERS

A Parade of Titleholders will be held during lunch on March 20 2009 as part of the DFWMGRC Specialty Show. To be eligible, dogs must have attained one of the following titles: Ch, OTCh, UD, UDX, FC, AFC, MH QAA\*\*\*, MACH, AX, AXJ, MX, MXJ, MXP, MJP, TDX, VST or CT. Please submit your entry with a brief summary (50 words or less) of your Golden's achievements. The committee reserves the right to edit submitted material. Entry fee for Parade of Titleholders is \$20.00. Each dog entered will receive a Gold & White Commemorative Rosette with dog's name imprinted on it to recognize this special occasion. Please do not submit courtesy entries. Rosettes will not be mailed.

## **OBEDIENCE**

Wichita Falls OTC Saturday, Feb. 14th  
UB-1st  
Sunsplash UTE Start your engine UDX  
(Sherman) **OTCH!!!!!!**

## **AGILITY**

DENTEX AGILITY TRIAL 2/14/09  
EX-B STANDARD Preferred Q 2nd Place  
REMUDA'S One More Last Chance AX,AXJ,MXP,  
MJP ( FELIX )

DENTEX AGILITY TRIAL 2/15/09  
EX-B STANDARD Preferred Q 1st Place  
REMUDA'S One More Last Chance AX,AXJ,  
MXP ,MJP ( FELIX )

DOTC 2/22/09  
AX leg-1st  
U-UD Aero-Jett's Speaker of Tales UDX RE  
AXJ OA NF SH WCX(Frick)

## **CONFORMATION**

Long Island Golden Retriever Club Specialties.  
2/7-8  
Best Opposite Sex 2/7  
Judge's Award of Merit. 2/8  
Ch. Glengowan's Great Balls of Fire (Caldwell)

Sat 2/14/09, South Arkansas KC, Camden AR -  
Best of Breed, Group 1.  
BIS CH Glengowan's Great Balls of Fire SDHF  
(Jerry Lee)

Sun 2/15/09, South Arkansas KC, Camden AR -  
Best of Breed  
BIS CH Glengowan's Great Balls of Fire SDHF  
(Jerry Lee)

Guadalupe Dog Fanciers Inc. 2/15/09  
BOB  
CH Tempo's G'Day Sunshine At Razzle  
(Meddaugh)

Guadalupe Dog Fanciers Inc. 2/15/09  
BOW/BOS  
Queijeiro Monalisa Ortiz (Meddaugh, Queijeiro, 2  
Ortiz)

## **OBEDIENCE**

Wichita Falls on Saturday, Feb. 14th,  
Utility B.-1st  
Sunsplash Ute StartYourEngin, UDX2, MX,  
MXJ (Sherman).  
**OTCH!!!!!!**

## **FIELD**

RoseCountry Retriever Club 2/15/2008  
MH pass  
U-UD Aero-Jett's Speaker of Tales UDX RE  
AXJ OA NF SH WCX(Frick)

1st Junior Hunter Leg  
Sheridon's Kahlua N Cream ("Kahlua")  
(Farmer/Todd)

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**Hey everyone.....**

**It is time to go ahead and send in your checks for the Trophy sponsorships (if you haven't done so already).**

**\$25.00 per Sponsorship**

**Make your check Payable to: DFWMGRC**

**and mail to : Kathy Felix**  
**5717 Trails Edge Court**  
**Arlington, Texas 76017**

**\*\*\* and if you haven't signed up to sponsor a trophy, there are still a few spots open...**

**The Club would appreciate your support....thank you,,,,,,,kathy**

**Saturday, March 21**

**All-Breed CERF Clinic**

Amon G Carter Small Exhibits Building  
Dr Rachel Ring DVM  
\$30.00 per dog

For reservations, prepayment & information regarding the CERF Clinic, please contact Dick Caldwell at caldwel2@airmail.net.

**MicroChip Clinic**

Home Again System  
\$35.00 per dog.

Clinic will be located in the Small Exhibits Building. Owner must bring registration information as well as name, address & telephone number of your regular veterinarian. Appointments will be on a walk-in basis. Proceeds to be donated to DFWMGR Rescue.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2008

**All-Breed Heart Clinic (supported by the Dallas Boxer Club)**

Amon G Carter Small Exhibits Building,, Ft Worth TX  
Dr Sonya Gordon, Cardiologist, Texas A & M University  
\$35.00 per dog

The clinic will be located in the Small Exhibits Building. Appointments will be on a walk-in basis. Upon completion of this exam, all dogs passing will be issued a certificate which can be filed with OFA for a cardiac clearance. Owner must bring registration information.

For information regarding the Heart Clinic, contact Melissa Kato at (972) 625-1309.

**Echocardiogram Clinic**

(Located in the Small Exhibits Building)  
**\$175.00 pre-registration (50% deposit required at registration)**

**PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY**

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**All Breed Echocardiogram Clinic**

Dr Sonya Gordon is offering to do an Echocardiogram Clinic.

This exam is generally offered only at Texas A & M for those dogs that do not pass an auscultation<sup>3</sup> examination. Dr Gordon has offered to do this exam on site, subject to interest. It

will be necessary for a minimum of 20 dogs to pre-register for this clinic in order for her to offer her time & equipment. Should we not meet the minimum requirement of 20 dogs, the Echocardiogram

Clinic on Sunday will not be held. (This will in no way affect the Heart Auscultation Clinic).

For information & registration, please contact Debbie Littleton at wyndehills@aol.com

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE ON OR BEFORE MARCH 16, 2009.**

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**Plano Dog Ordinance**

The Plano City Council recently passed a new dog ordinance for pet ownership responsibility. Most of it contains things that the responsible dog owner is already doing. Unfortunately we all have to pay the price for the irresponsible dog owners. Some of the things listed were that dogs must be restrained in the vehicle, you may not have more than 10 adult animals (no more than 4 intact), leashes may not be more than 6 feet long, and you must have in your possession materials that can be used to immediately remove and dispose of doggy do-do. Fortunately, there is no breed specific legislation in the ordinance.

The hot button portion was section 4-809, Private Animal Sales, regarding the mandatory spay/neuter at 4 months of age clause. Because many dog people showed up to speak at the meeting, this section was tabled. Verjean Lunenschloss and Judy Cerney are representing the dog community and will be meeting with two council members and the animal shelter advisory committee to revise the spay/neuter portion of the ordinance.

It was pointed out that early sterilization affects the hormones which ultimately affect the maturation of muscles and bones. Small dogs mature earlier, while larger breeds don't mature until closer to four years of age. Health evaluation for breeding dogs do not normally occur until the dog is two years old. Also, the OFA clearances for hip dysplasia cannot be done until two years of age.

To read the ordinance in full go to:

<http://pdf.plano.gov/animal/AnimalOrdinanceDraft.pdf>

See page 42 to read section 4-809.

*THANKS TO JO UNBEHAUN FOR THIS SUMMARY*

**SPECIALTY REPORT DFWMGRC**  
**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**@ Macaroni Grill – Grapevine, TX**  
**January 11, 2009**

**Donna Todd thanked Sherri Farmer for doing the programs, Kathy Felix for getting the room and food, and Dawn Morrill for presenting the trophies.**

**Donna introduced a visitor, Barbara Dawson, from Austin, Texas. She is the sponsor of the Bred-by trophy.**

**The reading of the minutes were waived and seconded by Kathy Felix.**

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

Patti Caldwell had no report.

**TREASURER**

Linda Miller reported that the club has \$4,024.00 in the checking account.

Motion to convene for dessert! @ 8:02p.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:10p.

The new board members for 2009 were elected unanimously by voice.

Patti Caldwell reported that she sent the Premium list in before Christmas. Patti said the the Boxer Club has volunteered to help out with the Echo and Eye clinics. She said that she will have a full report at the February meeting. She said that help is needed with Obedience and Specialty to please contact Janet Fric.

Kathy Felix is handling trophy sponsorships for the 2009 Specialty. The cost is \$25.00 per trophy.

Dawn Morrill is handling the raffle items for the Specialty. Please contact her with any donations.

Sherri Farmer is in charge of the ads for the programs. All ads must be 300dpi. All of the information concerning the ads are on the website.

Membership dues are due by February 1, 2009.

Anyone who would like a Membership Roster should contact Donna Todd.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25p.

After the meeting was adjourned, the trophies were presented.

The program listing the trophy recipients is included in this month's minutes.

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**HUNT TEST and WC/WCX COMING UP**

**Help is needed. Contact Richard Woodmansee to see what you can do.**

**DFWMGRC  
BOARD MEETING  
@ Mimi's – Grapevine, TX  
December 9, 2008**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Donna Todd – President  
Linda Miller – Treasurer  
JJ Allen – Recording Secretary  
Patti Caldwell – Membership Secretary  
John Knapp – Member-at-Large  
David Brown – Member-at-Large

Absent:

Kathy Felix – Vice President

Meeting was called to order at 7:47p.

**Recording Secretary**

JJ Allen had no report.

**Treasurer**

Linda Miller reported that she has closed the old account even though there are 3 outstanding checks dated in 2007. The club has a \$4,444.91 balance in the checking account, and a \$10,430.18 balance in the Money Market account. The dues to the GRCA are due in the amount of \$100.00. Linda will pay the dues and notify the GRCA of the new Treasurer – Leslie Pettengill.

**Corresponding Secretary**

Patti Caldwell reported that she has received the Premium list for the 2009 Specialty. She will proof it and return it to Onofrio. The judges are taken care of, and Linda Miller donated her airline miles for the judges' travel. Kathy Felix has the trophy/prize list, and will have it at the Christmas party and January banquet for people to sign up to sponsor trophies and donate prizes.

**President**

Donna Todd reported that the Statistical Committee met to decide the trophy recipients. The Board has to approve what the Statistical Committee has decided. Next year the club will have a spread sheet for attendance at meetings. Donna read the recipients of each trophy. Dawn has volunteered to present the trophies. The January banquet will be at Macaroni Grill where the trophies will be presented.

The Board discussed each nominee for Sportsman of the Year and voted by paper ballot. Janet Fric was voted to be the club's Sportsman of the Year.

Donna is worried that the club will not have enough volunteers to work the clinics and would like to provide some sort of enticement to get members to sign up to volunteer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30p.

*DFWM Golden Retriever Rescue continues to be very successful. There are about 165 - 175 dogs adopted each year. We thought we would try to share some stories from rescue. Some will be funny, some heart warming and others might need a kleenex -- all emotions felt regularly as these dogs go from the frying pan to a "happily ever after" ending. Rescue's newsletter is now online. Feel free to read it for more stories: [www.rescuegoldens.org](http://www.rescuegoldens.org) -- select Newsletter from the left hand menu box. This month's story -- "Life's Lessons from Luke", written by Jan Hitchborn.*

### Life's Lessons from Luke

We wanted to share Luke with the rest of you and had started a piece that was to be from Luke to Rescue...a thank you letter of sorts from a grateful golden. Now, looking back over our short five months with him, we discovered we learned so much from him.

We started fostering Luke in September of 2008 to get him over ear infections, a ruptured ear drum, and to help him gain weight as he was about 20 pounds underweight. He was also very heartworm positive. After reaching the end of his first month of heartworm treatment, it became very apparent that he was ailing from something more sinister. The ear infection was gone and the ruptured ear healed, but Luke still appeared to be leaning to the left as he walked. The diagnosis was most likely a brain tumor or something neurological and cancerous. He therefore was definitely not adoptable. As Luke was happy and having a good time with us and our golden pack, we offered to give him a home until it was time to send him on his next life's adventures.

So began the lessons taught to us and our observations from this noble dog in how to handle a terminal illness. Our own Teresa and Dr. King were wonderful advisers in the beginning and let us know what to expect. The most impressive thing was that Luke never held a pity party over his changing condition. He just set out to figure out how to do what he wanted to do and then he did it. His back left side was weaker and he tilted to the left as he ran. He learned on "bad days" that if he started to fall when doing his business, he could catch himself and position himself differently. If he zigged rather than zagged and fell down, he got himself back up and continued on. He loved to take walks and was the ultimate sniffer of smells. When he became weaker and the walks just were too taxing, he no longer "asked" to take his turn, but waited until we were done and then came for some love and a wag to say he was glad we were through and inside to stay where he was. I never once observed him giving in not even on those last days when it was getting harder to get up and he started going in left circles. I would have to stop him and point him in the correct direction and off he would go. For Luke there was no "I can't" only "I can and I will somehow."

On his last day we were with him as he left for Rainbow Bridge. He was our family's beloved golden to the very end. He was only six and half, we only had him for five months of that time, but his spirit, love and "can do" attitude will live on in our hearts forever.

If life ever deals us a bad hand, may we have the grace and dignity to handle whatever it is the way Luke handled his life.

~Jim and Jan Hitchborn  
DFWMGRR Volunteers



### CRUFTS TO BE ONLINE

The Crufts live web stream will be available throughout the four days of Crufts, from the 5th-8th March and will run from 8.30 in the morning through to the end of the Arena programme. The Crufts TV live stream will be free to view anywhere in the world by simply following the link on the Crufts homepage [www.crufts.org.uk](http://www.crufts.org.uk) <<http://www.crufts.org.uk>> For those who miss the action there will also be a catch up video on demand service for paying subscribers, enabling people to watch the replays of the action.

*PRESSURE FROM THE AR CROWD RESULTED IN A DECISION NOT TO TELEVISION CRUFTS.*



## PET-LAW INFO

Many of you are aware of the number of bills across the country related to pets. It is often hard to separate the wheat from the chaff. The following WEB site has a great deal of information for you to consider.

[http://www.pet-law.com/future/future\\_print.html](http://www.pet-law.com/future/future_print.html)  
Pet-Law: The Future of Dogs

## FROM THE WEB

### 10 REASONS TO DO AGILITY

1. It's fun for your dog! Watch that tail wag as your dog trots over the bridge, dives into the tunnel, and flies over the jumps.
  2. It's fun for you! You'll be smiling and laughing and feeling proud as you guide your teammate over the obstacles.
  3. Agility teaches you to communicate with your dog in an effective, positive way. You will learn what your dog REALLY listens to on the agility field and bring that home to everyday life for a better trained dog (and owner).
  4. Agility builds confidence. Your dog will be more willing to try new situations as he gains experience with all the different agility situations that come up and learns to trust you, the handler, to show him the way.
  5. It's good exercise for your dog! Your dog will build muscle mass, lose a few pounds, become more flexible, run faster, jump higher...
  6. It's good exercise for you! Build muscle mass, lose a few pounds, become more flexible without having to step inside a gym.
  7. Agility dogs learn to "obey" you without choke collars or corrections. You become the fun person who plays the best game with them: definitely someone they respect!
  8. Agility provides great mental stimulation for your dog. Do agility and watch your dog start to think!
  9. Your dog will get to socialize with lots of other dogs in a supervised but relaxed setting. Funny thing, though. After the first five minutes of greetings most dogs would rather work the agility obstacles than chat with the other dogs!
  10. You will get to socialize with lots of other dog owners who are just like you: Everyone who does agility thinks that dogs are the BEST!
- WHO KNOWS? YOU AND YOUR DOG MIGHT GO ON TO WIN A BLUE RIBBON!

## For Your Consideration

When I am old I will wear soft gray sweatshirts  
And a bandana over my silver hair, and I will  
spend my social security checks on wine  
and my dogs. I will sit in my house on my well-  
worn chair and listen to my dogs'  
breathing.

I will sneak out in the middle of a warm summer  
night and take my dogs for a run, if  
my old bones will allow.

When people come to call, I will smile and nod  
as I show them my dogs and talk of  
them and about them...

the ones so beloved of the past and the ones  
so  
beloved of today.

I will still work hard cleaning after them, mop-  
ping and feeding them and whispering  
their names in a soft loving way. I will wear the  
gleaming sweat on my throat, like a  
jewel and I will be an embarrassment to all, es-  
pecially my family, who have not yet  
found the

peace in being free to have dogs as your best  
friends.

These friends who always wait, at any hour, for  
your footfall, and eagerly jump to their  
feet out of a sound sleep to greet you as if you  
are a God, with warm eyes full of  
adoring love and hope that you will always stay.  
I'll hug their big strong necks...I'll kiss their dear  
sweet heads...and whisper in their  
very special company.

Although I look in the mirror and see I am get-  
ting old, this is the kind of person I am  
and have always been.

Loving dogs is easy...they are part of me, and  
accept me for who I am.

My dogs appreciate and love my presence in  
their lives.

When I am old this will be important to me.  
You will understand when you are old...  
if you have dogs to love, too!

~Author Unknown