



UPCOMING EVENTS

Hunting Test– April 16

WC/WCX– April 17

Agility-11/25-27



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CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, April 12

Dr. Karen L. Ave & Dr. Gala Maas, Canine
Accupuncturists;

Amanda Florsheim, Animal Behaviorist

IHOP (Private Room)
900 Market Place
635 & MacArthur Blvd.
Irving, TX 75063-8038 -
214 574-7100

FYI-MAY MEETING

We will be considering judges for both the 2012 the
2013 Independent Specialties.

DFWMGRC CLUB DUES FOR YEAR 2011

\$25-family

\$20-individual

\$15-Junior

Mail to Kathy Felix, 5717 Trails Edge Ct, Arlington
76017

The HEAT is Coming!!!!

KNOW YOUR DOG, what is "normal" behavior, normal body temperature, normal reactions to training stress (pressure). If for instance, your dog normally lines well and it is 80/90+ degrees with high humidity, and dog can't straight line today for nothing, this might be a clue! Some also get a If there are heat warnings (like you keep hearing about older people dying on the news) don't exercise/train the dog.

Some basic understanding of thermodynamics in the dog: he cools himself mainly by anting... exchanging the 101F air in his lungs for the cooler ambient air. As the ambient temperature approaches 100F, very little cooling takes place with each breath. When, under these circumstances, any additional stress is placed on the dog e.g. exertion, dehydration, the body can cross a line from which it may not be able to retreat, that is, thermoregulation becomes completely shot, the dog loses any ability to control his own body temperature, the panting now only making things worse by increasing work load and screwing up blood gases, and hyperthermia results, with the temp often shooting up to 108F

range. This is worst case scenario, a true medical emergency, the dog is in profound shock, and the brain is literally frying. Seconds matter in this situation, even if shock can be corrected, permanent brain damage can have already occurred.

Normal temp is 100.5 to 101.5 a black dog in Texas that has a temp of 102 could still be normal. When the temp hits 103.5 the dog is starting to get into trouble. It is not too critical at this time but watch out and cool your dog down now! 104 and above - hit the road to the vets. Don't bother trying to give the dog something to drink. The dog has too much heat not too little fluid in the body (hyperthermic vs dehydration). It is not unusual for the dog to be nauseated and absorption during this time is nil.

Most important is to STOP cooling the very second the temp starts to drop. You should monitor rectal temps as fast as you can take them. If your dog is at 106.9 degrees, and the next reading is 106.3, just an example. STOP cooling, dry the dog, continue to monitor temps frequently. If the temp gets below 100 degrees, cover him, if it continues to drop get him in the sun. As a vet who has done a fair amount of emergency work, I can tell you first hand. I have had dogs that cooled to 98 degrees who were at 107, and we stopped cooling when it dropped to 106.5.

Lastly, just because the temp gets back to normal, does not mean he does not need to see a vet ASAP. Get him cooled first, but get him in. Issues such as dehydration, cardio-vascular shock, CNS toxicity, etc. Need to be treated. Frequently the dogs will get a bloody diarrhea right afterward, looks like parvo but isn't, but can dehydrate the hell out of them, and cause a toxicity, as the GI toxins are absorbed into the bloodstream.

PREVENTION

Water your dog down before running. Use a sprayer in the holding blind if you have one.

SIGNS OF HEAT STROKE

The dog may have brick red gums, dry and sticky gums, very heavy panting, a high heart rate (140 -180) even at rest, disoriented look in their eyes, high rectal temperature.

The dog can progress from mild to very severe quickly and will collapse. If you see little blood spots (petechia) on the gums and what looks like bruising on the inside of the thighs GET TO THE VET NOW!

WHAT DO DO

When cooling do not forget the feet.

Hold an ice pack right on the head until the temp starts down.

A hose will not cool as quick as ice and alcohol. Be sure to keep it out of the eyes, but you can put it in the ears. Also important is air flow, like a battery operated fan moving air over the dog will cool faster, by convection and evaporation.

Having a hot dog go for a quick dip in a pond will not cool it off. This is compounded when the wet dog is then put in a confined space like a crate. Temperature and humidity quickly climb and the dog can over heat very quickly. Stake a dog out before crating.

Some dogs, in the earlier stages of heat stroke can be brought back from the brink by cooling down with water, ice packs on feet and face, pouring alcohol on them and getting them into the shade. Don't try to treat dog, grab a wet towel if available and hit the road. Dog may need cold fluids by IV when in heat stroke.

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DFWLRC

Obedience "C" Match

When: Thursday, April 7 and Friday, April 8

**Where: Denton Fairgrounds
500 W. University @ Carroll Blvd.
Denton, TX.**

**Registration Time: 3:00-6:00pm Thursday, April 7
(no sign ups after 6 pm.)
Friday, April 8-trial sign up sheet**

**Start Times: Thursday at 3:00 pm
Friday immediately after Rally classes**

Cost: \$10 for first run, \$5 for second run, same dog

*** Indoors *Matted concrete *One ring
*Utility *Open *Novice *5 min. limit/dog**

**For more info, contact: Kay Scott
817-929-0589 817-467-0025
cowtownkay@msn.com**

An Obedience Poem...

Oh darn, I'm dejected, my gosh but I'm sad,
My obedience dog is driving me MAD!
When we practice at home ... why, he works like a
dream,
Puts on a performance that rates high esteem.
His recalls are groovy, he "drops" like a flash,
He "fronts" with precision, what more could I ask?
The high jump he clears with incredible flair,
The dumbbell held high as he soars through the air.
The broad jump's no challenge, he clears it with
ease,
As he soars on high just as smug as you please.
On sits and on downs, well ... he's BETTER than
steady,

Doesn't move one iota, doesn't sniff or get heady.
But then comes the day that we enter a trial,
He's NON COMPUS MENTUS, completely
SENILE!
He bombed on the heeling, the "recall" no better,
And THEN on the "down" he made love to a
Setter.
So then as I stand looking grey as a stone,
I utter out loud, "Well, he works great at home."
From the judges' expression, he thinks I'm insane,
For no dog has acted quite so inane.
From this I have come to one brilliant conclusion,
My dog rates first place in the art of illusion.
Author unknown

BRAGS

CONFORMATION

UKC CH

Southern Cross Three to Tango at Denali (Long)

DFWMGRC Specialty 3/25/2011

WB - 5pt Major Win - **NEW CHAMPION!!!**

Ch Regatta's Racing Genoa (Gulledge)

AGILITY

DAWG Agility Trial

Novice Preferred JWW 3rd Q

Camlin Once More With Feeling CD,RA,NAP

(FELIX)

- **TITLE!!!!**

OBEDIENCE

TRI-CITIES OBEDIENCE TRIAL

Rally Excellent B Q First leg

Camlin Once More With Feeling

CD,RA,NAP,NJP (FELIX)

FIELD

Cowtown R.C. 2/19-20/11

2 Started passes

Denali's Tenacious Tanana (Long)

Waterloo Hunt Test on March 20th

SH leg ..and **TITLE!!!!!!!**

SHR Hyegold John Wayne Lucky TXn SH RN WC CCA
(Burke)

Texas Two Stepper-NSDTRC-3/26/27

WCX TITLES!

UCDX SHR Bridgeton's Steel Man Working JH WCX CCA
(Frick)

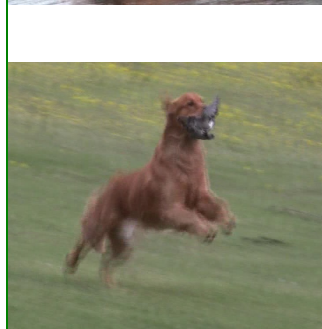
SHR Sheridan's Kahlua N Cream CD RA JH OA AXJ OF
WCX VC CGC CCA(Farmer/Todd)

SHR Sheridan's Orig Irish Cream CD RA JH OAP AJP
NFP WCX CGC (Farmer/Todd)

Amigold Nehi to a Grasshopper JH WCX(Thornton/
Richardson)

WC TITLE!

Rio Spirits LoneStar Firewater WC (Farmer/Todd)



**DALLAS-FORT WORTH METRO GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, March 14, 2011

Home of Teresa McKenna, Richardson, TX

Meeting was called to order by President, Dick Caldwell, at 7:15 p.m. He acknowledged that a quorum was established. Minutes of February meeting were unanimously approved as printed in the March Newsletter.

Corresponding Secretary, Kathy Felix, reported that Pat Ingram's husband had passed away and then read his obituary. The club agreed to send a card from DFWMGRC and to also donate \$50 to the organization of Pat's choice. Rita Robins said she would contact Pat in a few days. It was acknowledged that the club usually sends flowers to a club member in the event of the death of a husband, wife, or child. In this case, flowers are not allowed at the National Cemetery, so we opted for a donation. If Pat is undecided, we will donate to the American Lung Association for the cure of emphysema.

Vice-President, Sherri Farmer announced that the membership meeting schedule would change for the month of May because of a conflict with the GRCA Board meeting which Dick will be attending. Sherri also announced that the Holiday Party will be at Terry Thornton's home.

Treasurer, Linda Miller, reported that the club's tax return is complete and there were no complications.

Dick reported on RPOA Day that he attended. He encouraged each member of the club to contact their representative, either by email or fax, to express opposition to HB1451. He explained the ramifications of this bill should it pass and explained what HSUS regulation would do to breeders and the dog fancy as a whole. Leslie Pettengill said their intent is to get their foot in the door and then come back later and get what they really want. Dick mentioned Bill 988 and said it will be harder to pass, but we also need to get everyone we know to fax or email their representative and get on record that this bill is not good. (Note - the Club is now on record opposing this bill too, per Dick following this discussion)

The DFWMGRC Specialty was discussed. Barbara Brown reported that there were already 50 reservations for the echo clinic and Dick said he was getting reservations for the eye clinic, but only had one appointment, so far, from a club member and he was that member. He is hoping more club members will support the eye clinic. He also recommended soliciting more help for the clinics. Barbara said she would ask for help on the club list.

Lynda Williams agreed to pick up our sweepstakes judge, Nancy Kelly, from the airport on Thursday, March 24th, and take her to her hotel, SpringHill Suites, in Ft. Worth. Patti Branch asked if someone would be taking Nancy to dinner. Browns said they would contact Nancy and offer to take her to dinner Thursday night. Linda Miller mentioned that she had volunteered to take Nancy to Mary Meador's home after the judges' dinner. Our other judge, Vonnie Peterson, is staying with her cousin in Irving and Vonnie said all her transportation is taken care of.

Barbara announced that the 2012 Specialty Chair is Kathy Felix.

Sherri Farmer and Shari Degan reported on our agility trials. We lost our date in August at Watt Arena. We, among other organizations, were cancelled because a horse show, which takes priority over

almost everything else, took our place. Instead of the August trial at Watt Arena, plans have been made to have a 3-day trial over Thanksgiving weekend at Myers Park in McKinney. One judge has already been selected and they are still deciding on the second judge. Every class will be offered every day and vendors are already lined up. We will still have the raffle. Shari emphasized the need for club volunteers to help any way they can – no experience required.

We will also have a trial at Watt Arena in Ft. Worth on April 27, 28 and 29th. Sherri said we'll start having 2 trials per year in order to raise money for the National. How much money, and from which trial, will go toward the National will be determined at a later date.

The 2013 National was briefly discussed. Everything is falling in place. The contract with the Convention Center was signed and returned to Sherri for signature. So far, we've gotten everything we've asked for. We have a tracking chairman, Ann McGuire. Agility judges are Renea Fitch and Helen Dorrance.

There was a discussion regarding the Gala and whether or not they might be using some of our space at the Convention Center. Sherri announced that the agility building and the "Texas Hoedown Building" will be air-conditioned in 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Dawn Morrill and Ann Burke took home donations from club members for the raffle and silent auction.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Brown
Recording Secretary

Monday, May 9 Watch WC/WCX training film from AKC and talk about the fun of field/hunt training!
Lynda Williams' Home
105 Meadowlake Ct
Kennedale TX 76060

Sunday June 5 Pot-Luck and Golden Fun Day Frick's Property in Copeville

July No Meeting

August Agility Trial; Watt Arena, Fort Worth-cancelled No Meeting

Tuesday, September 13 Dr. Amanda Florsheim, Animal Behaviorist - "The Dynamics of Multi-Dog Households"
Donna Gullede's Home
4718 Forest Bend Road
Dallas, TX 75244

Sunday, October 30 Pot Luck Halloween Party and Costume Contest Houn' House, Carrollton TX

Monday November TBA (any special requests?)

Agility Trial 11/25-27

Myers Park, McKinney

Sunday, December 18 Holiday Party TBA
Sunday, January 15 Awards Banquet TBA