

A.G.R.C. Rug Rag

July, 2006

Special Interest Articles:

- Spring Fun Day Photos
- Club Directory Enclosed

NO JULY MEETING!!!

Due to conflicting schedules, and upcoming dog related events, there will be no meeting this month, please check for email updates regarding the August agility trial!

Spring Fun Day Photos



"Jonas" (James) with his first bird!



Lyle Murphey with "Reggae", Roger Fuller and Kaye Fuller (far right)



Donna Tarbox with "Buddy"



Bob James with "Blazer"

The Spring Fun Field Day Was A Huge Success!

Special thanks to Kaye and Roger Fuller for being such gracious hosts!!

Thanks also to all the folks that helped make the event run smoothly!



"Phoenix" owned by new members Theresa and Jim Yeager

No July Meeting!

Please keep in touch via email regarding volunteer opportunities for the August Agility Trial!

See Page 5 for more details!

More Spring Fun Day Photos



Christina Murphey with "Irie" and the Fullers



"BJ" and Theresa Yeager



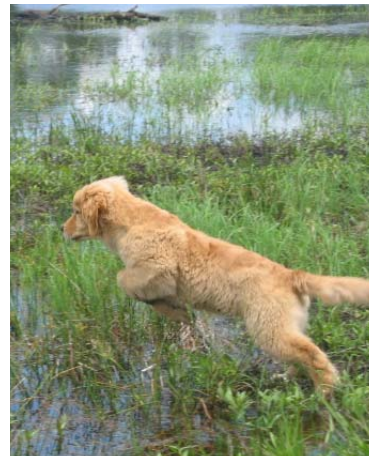
Linda James praising "Blazer"



"Mack" (Gower) schooling a puppy!



Forget the bird, I found the bucket!



"Bella" (Gower)



"Cherry" (Jones)

Braggs and Wags.....

- "Mack" - Gower's Love At First Bite (Gower), got his Master Hunter Title on April 22nd at the Heart of Texas Hunt Test. Debby sends her thanks to Helen Dorrance for Mack's agility leg as well!
- "Ty" - Ch. Scion Oughta Be Knotty (Simpson/Cooper), was owner/handled, by Diane Cooper, to a BOB and Group 2 at the Sierra Vista KC show on May 7th.
- "Venture" - Scion X-cellent Adventure WC (Simpson), earned her WC with Mike Simpson handling at the DFWMGRC WC/WCX test on May 20th.
- "Irie" - Murphey's Praying for Gold (Murphey), earned her Hunting Retriever title at the UKC licensed hunt on June 3rd and 4th.
- "Secret" – Rosefire Sumthin to Believe N (Nieman/Dorrance) earned her novice Preferred Standard and Novice Preferred Jumpers with Weaves titles on the weekend of June 17th and 18th handled by Helen Dorrance!
- "Shaq" - CH Salyran Take It to the Limit (Cavness/Fish/Strohl) earned his Rally Excellent) title at the Texarkana Kennel Club trial on 6/17/06.

Meeting Minutes

Club Meeting – May 17th, 2006

Meeting was called to order by Debbie Gower, President. Dr. Charla Jones, DVM, a local Austin cardiologist, was introduced by Debbie Gower. Dr. Jones spoke on a wide variety of heart issues in our pets. The talk was extremely informative and raised many questions from the attendees at the meeting. A very special thanks to Dr. Charla Jones was made by the club. The WC and WCX was discussed, which Roger Fuller has offered for October 21st. Shannon Casto has volunteered to organize and Christina Murphy volunteered to assist Shannon with the WC and WCX. The date of October 21, 2006 was discussed and was left undecided as to whether there were too many conflicts for that weekend. A discussion was held regarding our club running a well dog clinic at the Doberman Specialty this year. Helen Dorrance volunteered to check on availability of doctors and other arrangements. Those in the attendance of the meeting were Debbie Gower, Donna Tarbox, Mike and Pat Simpson, Helen Dorrance, Diane Senterfitt, Geoff Weisbart, Christina Murphy, Mia Nieman, Jane Fish, Brenda and Raymond Luckie, Stacy Robinson and Patty Wedding.

Much Thanks To Diane Senterfitt For Providing Our Meeting Minutes In The Absence Of Our Secretary!

Board Meeting – June 21st, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Debby Gower. In attendance were members: Judi Hollenbeck, Diane Senterfitt, Melissa Jones, Linda James, Mia Nieman, and Jane Fish. Debby announced that there is a reproductive seminar being held in Dallas, and our club should seek out having the same physician speak to our club in the fall. Our fall agility trial to be held on August 26th and 27th is already at maximum capacity for entries and lots of volunteers will be needed for set up on Friday August 25th by 3 pm, as well as on Saturday and Sunday. The club is asked to please bring items, both dog (all breeds) and non-dog related, to the next club meeting for the raffle baskets. Some items will be used for the Agility raffle, while others will be used for the Specialty in October. Also discussed was the second agility trial that will be held December 8th – 10th (three day event), with set up being held on the morning of the 8th, and the first trial beginning that afternoon. There would be an opportunity for "Photos with Santa" at this event as well. Our club's WC/WCX will be held on October 14th and 15th and is being headed up by Shannon Casto, and many others. Vast club support is requested to make this event run smoothly; more information will be available soon. Debby announced that the judges for the Specialty will be Rhoda Winter-Russel (conformation) and William Chillot, Jr. (OB). A.G.R.C. would also like to host a well dog clinic next march with services to include hearts, eyes, tattooing, and microchip. The meeting was adjourned. Minutes provided by: board member, Melissa Jones.

Yeager – Correction/Addition **Much Thanks To Joellyn Brelsford For This Addition!**



The Brelsford's would like to recognize Debby Gower "as the extraordinary breeder of this extraordinary dog!" They wanted to share that they are incredibly proud of Yeager for his accomplishments and Debby for her outstanding breeding program, from which he has come. They add that "Debby is a great breeder and a true friend", and felt that she should be recognized as the breeder of this outstanding golden retriever!

Upcoming Events Information

- ☞ **General club meeting: NO MEETING THIS MONTH** If you would like to donate items for the upcoming raffles suggested items are: restaurant gift certificates, bags of dog food, wine/cheese baskets, and of course all breed/dog related items. Given that we are not having a meeting this month, but still very much need the donations, please contact Melissa Jones who will arrange for pick up/drop off of your item before 8/16/06.
- ☞ **Educational Seminar on July 20th** (in conjunction with the Reliant Dog Show in Houston): "Building a Better Dog Show". The club has agreed to pay the admittance fee for this seminar if a club member would be willing to attend. Please email or call Debby Gower if you are interested!
- ☞ **A.G.R.C. Agility Trial on August 26th and 27th**: held once again at the Triple Crown Facility in Hutto. We will need lots of volunteers on Friday Aug. 25th to set up the course, and a few volunteers on Saturday and Sunday. More information and a sign up sheet will be available at the next meeting.
- ☞ **WC/WCX on October 14th and 15th**: held at the Fuller's Ranch. More information will be provided as it becomes available, but we will need lots of volunteers and full support of all club members!
- ☞ **A.G.R.C. Specialty on October 27th**: held at the Travis County Expo Center. Conformations judge: Mrs. Rhoda Winter-Russel. Obedience Judge: Mr. William Chillot, Jr. Volunteer availability plays a large role in the success of this event! Please make plans to attend and help out! It's always a ton of fun!
- ☞ **A.G.R.C. Agility Trial on December 8th, 9th, and 10th**: held at the Triple Crown Facility in Hutto. This will be a three day event, with set up taking place early on the 8th. Given the size of this show, we will need a continuous flow of volunteers! We understand that it is a hectic time of year, but please donate your time if you are able!
- ☞ **Well Dog Clinic in March of 2007**: The board is making arrangements to host a well dog clinic covering a wide variety of services including hearts, eyes, tattoo, and microchip. More information will be provided as we near the event date.

A Note About Volunteering

As you might have noticed there are very few instances (if any) listed above that volunteers do not play an integral part in the outcome of the event. We absolutely can NOT do it without the support of the entire club, the work load should not fall on the same exhausted volunteers that always show up and work over-time. You do not have to be an expert in any field to help out; there are always rolls to be filled, things as simple as selling raffle tickets, or getting lunches. Please try to make it out to these events and offer your time, it really makes all the difference! Thank you for your support!

Snake Avoidance Clinic

Saturday August 26th: 7am to 2pm
 106 N. San Saba, Round Rock, TX
 Cost: \$45

Sponsored by: Waterloo Amateur Retriever Club

www.waterloo-retriever.org

Contact Mike Walsh at 512-388-1035 for more information.

Hazards of July 4th (cross post from Joyce Morgan Group)

Comments by Joe of "FoundADog/LostADog" wrote the following which really sums up this holiday time with an insider's knowingness. (Cross-posting permitted. Dolly Ensey/Joyce Morgan Group)

July The 4th: The #1 day in the U.S. for lost dogs !

On July 5th, thousands of ex-dog owners in the U.S. will begin their searches for their missing dogs. Maybe you will be one of them. Maybe on this July 5th not only will you be cleaning up the backyard after a great party; but you will be making a mental laundry list of all the different ways you let your dog down by not preventing this disaster and also realizing that you have done even less to increase the chances he might be returned to you.

Tags? - Expired and non -working cell phone # inscribed
 Collars? - on the garage floor because of a recent bath.
 Fence? - Sometimes the latch works.
 Old and rotten leather collar? dry rotted? still attached? who knows?
 Tattoo? No.
 Micro-chip ? No.

You hear from a lot of people who are against the micro chip for various reasons, but in all my years talking to people who have lost their dogs; I have yet to hear one say, "I sure am glad my dog isn't chipped!" The list goes on and on.

So my fellow dog lovers the time is now to take action! Rise up! Protect your beloved hound.

You go walk that fence line. You check those gate latches. Check to make sure those tags have some meaningful info on them. Nothing against microchips? Then get the dog chipped.
 Nothing against tattoos? Get the dog a tattooed and get a cool one that the dog'll be proud to display while getting a tummy rub!

Do everything you can think of because on July 5th it will be too late for a lot of you.

On July 5th I will begin hearing from a lot of desperate people who used to be dog owners who will all be singing basically the same song of regret that goes along the lines of "....could'a, should'a, would'a...."

It happens every year. Is this your year?

So after you have done everything you can think of to protect your dog, and the 4th of July finally gets here; you raise a cold adult beverage in toast to your dog and say "Here's to Freedom and Independence! Mine! Not yours!" Happy 4th! Joe. 6-15-06
<http://www.lostadog.com>

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Look at what I found!

People, Puppies,
Ponds, and a Whole
Lot of Fun!
Sprig Fun Day Photos
Inside!



Why walk when you can be carried!

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