

A.G.R.C. Rug Rag

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Special Interest Articles:

- Halloween Safety
- Lots of Brags!
- New Section: Recipes.

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MEETING
11/16/05

Brick Oven
10710 Research
Boulevard

Meetings start
at 7pm, please
arrive at 6:30 if
you wish to
order dinner!

See you there!

Keeping Your Pet Safe on Halloween

- Set up a special area where your pets will feel safe. Provide water, treats, toys, and their bed or blanket.
- Placing a gate in front of the door is another safety measure.
- If your dog or cat happens to slip past you and escape outside, be sure he is wearing a collar and ID tag.
- Dogs and cats often find Halloween decorations fascinating. Be sure candles and jack-o-lanterns are out of reach from pesky paws and swishing tails. If a curious nose gets too close to the flames, douse the affected area with cold water, apply a cool compress, and consult your veterinarian.
- Even a small amount of chocolate can be lethal for dogs, cats, and birds. Keep the bowl of candy out of reach, and instruct family members (especially the kids) not to offer it as a treat.
- Be careful not to leave plastic and foil candy wrappers lying around. They can be a choking hazard, cause stomach blockages or perforated intestines if ingested.
- If you are dressing your pet in a costume, be sure it doesn't interfere with his ability to see or breath easily, and never leave your pet alone when wearing the costume.

Healthy Golden Retrievers are Happy Golden Retrievers

We all know how important it is to continue advances in the fight against cancer in our dogs, and it seems like they are frequently coming up with new ways to ensure more research and a better life for the future generations of our breed.

In true golden fashion the OFA and The Canine Health Foundation are putting together DNA samples of as many Golden Retrievers as possible in order to use them for analysis, and hopefully to find future cures for cancer and other diseases that plague our breed. Debby Gower said

that there were samples taken from over 600 dogs at the National this year.

Dr. Kaye Fuller D.V.M., Veterinarian and long time club member has agreed to draw blood from the dogs of anyone interested during the Eye Clinic at Petco (Arboretum) on 11/12/05 at 12:00pm. If you would like to participate you would need to order the collection kit, and can do so by filling out the attached sheet. You must also contact Melissa Jones if you would like to be added to the list of people participating. At this time there is still no

charge for the collection kit. If you would like additional information about this process you can email Eddie Dziuk at edziuk@offa.org, or Melissa Jones at liss@austin.rr.com, for information regarding the collection by Dr. Fuller.



Eye Clinic and Microchipping.....



It is that time of the year again already. We have scheduled the Heart of Texas Labrador Retriever Club 2005 Eye Clinic and Microchip for Saturday, November 12th in the same location as last year (the Petco in the Arboretum).

This year we will have discount pricing for early entries on eye exams, \$22 if your entries are mailed in by November 2nd--so get those

registrations in early and save \$3 per dog! Regular (late) pricing will be \$25.

Attached is our flyer/registration form. For multiple dogs with the same owner you need complete your personal information and the pricing table only once. Please, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,
Andy Conner
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Brag and Wags.....



- Debby Gower's "Mack" – Gower's Love at First Bite – got another MH leg. Only two more to go!
- Tyler Carlson won Best Junior Handler in Show from the Novice class at the Humble Show on Sunday October 9th! Way to go Tyler!
- Club Supporter Shari Degan's bitch Tralee (bred by Helen Dorrance) got her first Qualifying score in Novice Jumpers Preferred and took first place at the DFWESSA show on 10/2/05. Also, her big brother, Seanan earned his Novice Jumpers title that same weekend!
- Kaye and Roger Fuller had a great trip to the National! Max won the 91 dog qualifying, Cruiser got a JAM in that qualifying, and both of her little ones got JAM's in the derby with "Dash" taking a reserve JAM as well!
- Sherri Carlson's bitch "Aimee" gets her first point in Canton!

Congratulations members, on all of your wonderful accomplishments!



"And they call it puppy love..."

Reminders

You should now be able to view the newsletters online at www.austingoldens.com!

The Christmas Party is set for Saturday, December 3, 2005, starting at 6:30pm, and will be held at 1701 Montana Norte.

Look for an article covering the Specialty in the next Rug Rag!

Make sure you take advantage of all the clinics being offered in our area!

Meeting Notes: March 16, 2005

Minutes from the September 21, 2005 Meeting for the Austin Golden Retriever Club

The meeting was called to order by Linda James, acting as President for Debby Gower.

Those in attendance were: Bob and Linda James, Donna Tarbox, Pam Rabon, Linda and Jerry Reitzel, Helen Dorrance, Diane Senterfitt and Geoff Weisbart, Judi Hollenbeck, Mia Nieman and Jane Fish.

Linda announced that this meeting was designated as the awards presentation for the titles earned in 2003 and 2004. A large number of titles were won by our members for these years. Attached is a list of the winners separated by 2003 and 2004. Roger and Eve Thurman won the Rainbow Bridge Trophy. A special thank you was given to Joellyn Brelford for compiling and supplying all of the title information to the club. This was an excellent compilation.

Linda announced that the club's agility trial recently held was a huge success. The major reason for the success and the reduced expenses was the number of club members assisting with the duties for running the trial. The trial netted \$3,905 in revenue. Linda James reported the general account currently has a balance of \$8,603.32 and the rescue account has a balance of \$1,002.77. The next agility trials have been set for the end of August 2006 and in January of 2007. Exact dates were not decided. A discussion was had about booking Triple Crown early for these events in order to lock in

the best dates for these trials.

Donna Tarbox announced that her company Guitars and Cadillacs put together and sent a basket loaded with novel Texas items from our club to this year's nationals silent auction for the benefit of the Greater Los Angeles Golden Retriever Club. The GLAGRC has announced that the funds received from this silent auction will benefit the GRCA's foundation's rescue fund instead of reimbursement for their hotel expense overages from their national held last year.

Linda James reported that our club's specialty being held on Friday, October 28th is progressing. A discussion was had regarding the number of trophies needed and their donation. Every member was encouraged to donate a least \$10 toward the cost of the trophies. Each member should make their check payable to AGRC and mail to: Linda James at 10810 Keystone Bend, Austin, TX 78750. Helen Dorrance announced that she had reserved several novelty items for the additional awards and that there were some stuffed toys left over from the trial for our use as well. The raffle will be spearheaded by Melissa Jones and a discussion was had that the club should have sufficient items for the raffle. Several members of the club brought by great gifts for the raffle. The raffle will begin on Friday and be closed at sometime on Saturday of the Travis County show. The club decided that instead of being present at the drawing to win that a set time will be established for picking up your raffle wins. After that time the win would be forfeited. The club will be having a party following the specialty and will provide the drinks, sandwiches and

condiments. Linda James announced she would contact Thunder Cloud subs on their sandwich arrangements for this type of party. It was decided that there is no charge for attending this party, but donations will be graciously accepted and a donation vase will be conspicuously placed around the food. Helen Dorrance announced that the show will begin around 6:00pm. All persons able to volunteer assistance at the specialty should contact Debby Gower at 266-1757. Everyone is encouraged to help and attend.

The date and place for the club's Christmas party was discussed and it was voted to have the party on Saturday, December 3, 2005, starting at 6:30pm. Jane Fish has offered to host the party at her mother's home at 1701 Montana Norte (Ann and Carol Allen's). The club will supply the meat and everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish and their own drinks to the party. Mia Neiman offered to be the auctioneer for the Christmas auction.

Mary Ann Duke has once again offered her home for the wine and cheese party in January. Thank you Mary Ann!

Geoff Weisbart suggested we have a day at the park with your dog for golden retriever owners and all proceeds to cancer research. Also, was suggested to attempt a group photo with all the goldens in it. The club agreed to look into this more as an early spring event.

The club also recognized Shannon and Adam Casto as newly elected members of our club.

The meeting was adjourned.



Member Spotlight: Diane Senterfitt

RR: How many years have you been in goldens?

DS: 17 years since I had my first golden.

RR: What got you started in goldens?

DS: I grew up with a varied assortment of breeds, a poodle, beagle and mutts. I didn't even see my first golden until I was in law school. My husband, Geoff, had goldens most of his life. He convinced me they were great dogs and that we should get one, so I bought him a red one, Alex, for our 1st anniversary. He was our first child.

RR: Who was your mentor/driving force?

DS: I had admired Ginger Gotcher's dogs from afar. I located a Sarge litter that Linda Willard had and I got my first "show quality" golden from this litter. We co-owned that bitch together about 12 years ago. I had an opportunity to learn a lot from her about showing, grooming and breeding. She was very helpful and very patient answering all of my stupid questions.

RR: What is your most valued accomplishment?

DS: Finishing Stella, that was really special to me and I truly thought finishing a golden in conformation was something I could never do.

RR: What is your Structural Pet Peeve?

DS: Probably top lines.

RR: What is your most sought after structural quality?

DS: A good front.

RR: Who is your favorite dog, not owned or bred by you, and why?

DS: Remington, I admired that dog since I saw him at my vet when he was young. I didn't ask the lady with him who he was, but thought, that's the nicest dog I've ever seen. I later asked a friend who that dog might be

after describing the dog and the owner and they knew exactly who I was talking about. A couple of years later I got to breed two of my bitches to him, which is how I have Stella. I also like the fun-loving personalities he throws.

RR: What are your current ventures: who's doing field, who's doing conformation, etc?

DS: We've always hunted with our dogs, that's not hunt test hunt, but actual bird hunting for quail and doves. That's always been an extremely enjoyable time for me with my dogs. Now, the fluffy dogs we've had usually don't hunt. I'm working my dog, Roger (Highmarks Roger Over and Out) in obedience at different places. Some at Joyce Morgan's and some with a private trainer. My goal is to get a CD. In conformation, I still will continue Alliebeck's Gemini Cricket aka "Ted" who has a few points as a puppy, but had a bout with Erlichia. He is fully recovered and almost ready. I have another possibility to start showing a puppy in puppy classes with Alliebeck's For Pete's Sake aka "Pete".

RR: Where do you hope your dogs/breeding program will be in 10 years?

DS: These forwarding thinking questions are hard for me, but probably the program would be simplified from today's standard, that is, less showing and breeding and more sitting around with a couple of favorites and giving them more attention.

RR: What is the most outrageous/funniest thing one of your goldens has done?

DS: There are two - one he did do and one he didn't - I got home from work one evening and greeted Alex, my dog at the door, and noticed my message

machine was beeping. Alex and I went to the machine and played the message back. Here's how it went, "Hi, this is Miss Roberts, Alex's home room teacher." I looked at Alex at that point - not realizing he had a home room teacher. She continued in a very serious voice, "I should let you know that Alex has been very disruptive in class. He doesn't listen well and wants to play with the other kids in class. Also his scores in math are not good." I believed everything until she got to the math part. She went on to say, "I think it would be a good idea for us to meet at the elementary school, so please call me to set up a time." This wasn't a hoax, well, except for the kid named Alex that gave his teacher a wrong number.

We lived in Westlake at the time, and Westlake had no leash law. Alex was a free man and a retriever. He was good/bad about fetching the newspaper. His work began to excel. One Saturday I counted 13 Austin American Statesmans and 1 New York Times at my back door and no Alex, probably out for the 14th. For those who this frustrates, I got a back pack and my bike and redelivered. I also arranged with the Statesman's paper boy to hang them on mail boxes.



"Roger", striking his flying superhero pose!

Urgent Rescue Plea

Please help!!!!

After two long years of being on a waiting list for an agility dog, we have been notified by the breeder that, at long last, our number has come up and...WE ARE HAVING A? PUPPY!!!

We must get rid of our children IMMEDIATELY because we just know how time consuming our new little puppy is going to be and it just wouldn't be fair to the children. Since our little puppy will be? arriving on Monday we MUST place the children into rescue this weekend!

They are described as:

One male - His name is Tommy, Caucasian (English/Irish mix), light blonde hair, blue eyes. Four years old. Excellent disposition. He doesn't bite. Temperament tested. Does have problems with peeing directly in the toilet.

Has had chicken pox and is current on all shots. Tonsils have already been removed. Tommy eats everything, is very clean, house trained & gets along well with others. Does not run with scissors and with a little training he should be able to read soon.

One female - Her name is Lexie Caucasian (English/Irish mix), strawberry blonde hair, green eyes, quite freckled. Two years old. Can be surly at times. Non-biter, thumb sucker. Has been temperament tested but needs a little attitude adjusting occasionally. She is current on all shots, tonsils out, and is very healthy & can be affectionate. Gets along well with other little girls & little boys but does not like to share her toys and therefore would do best in a one child household. She is a very quick learner and is currently working on her house training- shouldn't take long at all.



Escaping Hurricane Katrina in style?

We really do LOVE our children so much and want to do what's right For them; that is why we contacted a rescue group. But we simply can no longer keep them. Also, we are afraid that they may hurt our new puppy.

I hope you understand that ours is a UNIQUE situation and we have a real emergency here!!! They MUST be placed into your rescue by Sunday night at the latest or we will be forced to drop them off at the orphanage or along some dark, country road. Our priority now has to be our new puppy.

RECIPE

Faux Peanut Butter Dog Treats (Look like dog biscuits, but made for humans!)

Provided by: Linda Reitzel

1 cup shortening	1 cup peanut butter
1 cup sugar	1 cups flour
1cup brown sugar	2 tsp baking soda
2 eggs	½ tsp salt
1 tsp vanilla	

Cream shortening, sugar, eggs and vanilla. Then add peanut butter, followed by all dry ingredients. Roll dough out and cut with a dog bone shaped cookie cutter (any size, but the smaller the cutter, the more realistic it looks). Bake on an ungreased cookie sheet at 350 degrees for approximately 10 minutes.

While these cookies are great in any form, their color and consistency, not to mention shape, make them great for fooling your friends and family! And I'm sure your four legged friend wouldn't mind a taste either!

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Note: All ideas and ads are published at the Editor's and Board of Directors' discretion. Opinions expressed may not reflect the opinion of the Editor and/or Members of the Austin Golden Retriever Club.

As of print, there were plans to ask Dr.
Charla Jones, Veterinarian and Board
Certified Cardiologist, to speak at the
meeting on 11/16/05!
Please make plans to attend!



EYE CLINIC & MICRO CHIP

THE HEART OF TEXAS
LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER

12TH

LOCATION: **PETCO** - 9828 Great Hills Trail (in the Arboretum), Austin, TX, 512.345.2355
Directions: North on Highway 183 - Exit Braker Lane, take 183 U-turn and continue south on the 183 frontage road to the light at Great Hills Trail (Macaroni Grill on the corner). Turn right and right again into the parking lot.
South on Highway 183 - Exit Braker Lane, go south on the 183 frontage road to Great Hills Trail. Continue same as above.

EYE CLINIC: TIME: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM COST: \$25.00 PER DOG (\$22 EARLY)

MICRO CHIP: TIME: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM COST: \$30.00 PER DOG

AKC/CAR MICRO CHIP REGISTRATION COST: \$9.00 PER DOG (OPTIONAL)

DR. J.F. SWANSON, D.V.M., M.S., Dipl ACVO, A BOARD CERTIFIED VETERINARY OPHTHALMOLOGIST FROM GULF COAST EYE CLINIC, WILL BE SCREENING DOGS FOR HEREDITARY AND ACQUIRED EYE DEFECTS. DR. KAYE FULLER, D.V.M. WILL CONDUCT A MICRO-CHIP CLINIC DURING THE AFTERNOON HOURS.

FOR RESERVATION: PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW - ONE FORM FOR EACH DOG (COMPLETE PRICING TABLE ONLY ONCE). PLEASE RETURN FORM(S) & CHECK NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 9th. EARLY REGISTRATIONS MAILED BEFORE NOVEMBER 2nd RECEIVE SPECIAL PRICING OF \$22 per DOG ON EYE EXAMS.

Confirmation will be **E-Mailed** to you, or send a **Stamped, Self-Addressed Envelope**. WALK-INS AS TIME ALLOWS.

STOP BY OUR "MEET THE BREED" TABLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT LABRADOR RETRIEVERS, THE H.O.T.L.R.C., AND LABRADOR RESCUE.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: **HOTLRC, INC.**

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY - RETURN NO LATER THAN **NOVEMBER 9th** (November 2nd Early Registration)

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 Dog's Registered Name: _____

AKC# _____ Breed: _____

Coat Color/Type: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Sex: M F Tattoo/Micro-
 Chip# _____

Name of Owner(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-Mail: _____

Please indicate: Eye Clinic _____ and/or Micro-
 Chip _____

Time Preference (Circle): 9AM 10AM 11AM 12PM 1PM NO
 PREFERENCE

ALSO PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING PRICING TABLE AND ENCLOSE A CHECK FOR THE GRAND TOTAL:

	NUMBER OF DOGS	x PRICE PER DOG	TOTAL
EYE SCREENING		x \$25.00 (\$22 EARLY) =	
MICRO-CHIP		x \$30.00 =	
AKC MICRO-CHIP REGISTRATION		x \$9.00 =	
GRAND TOTAL (MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "HOTLRC, INC."):			