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## Morris Animal Foundation Invites Golden Retrievers and Their Owners to Participate in Groundbreaking Study to Improve Health of Dogs

### Open Enrollment Has Begun and Only 3,000 Dogs Will Be Accepted

DENVER, Sept 25, 2012 (Globe Newswire) – Golden Retriever owners across the country are invited to apply to participate in the Golden Retriever Lifetime Study, the largest and longest observational study ever undertaken to improve the health of dogs. Morris Animal Foundation, the nonprofit organization running the study, will enroll 3,000 Golden Retrievers over the next two years. To qualify, dogs must be under 2 years of age and in good health. Owners can register their dogs at [www.CanineLifetimeHealth.org](http://www.CanineLifetimeHealth.org).

Dogs accepted into the study will participate for their entire lives, and during that time, owners and veterinarians will provide health, nutritional and environmental information about the dogs. This observational information will help scientists identify ways to better prevent cancer and other diseases in Golden Retrievers. The information learned from these dogs is also expected to improve the health of all dog breeds.

“This study requires a long-term commitment from dog owners and

their veterinarians,” said Michael Guy, DVM, MS, PhD study director. “We have the potential to learn valuable information that will not only improve canine health but will also significantly advance the entire field of veterinary medicine.”

“We have lost two out of six Golden Retrievers to various types of cancer,” said Valerie Robson and Greg Vowels, whose young dog Astro will

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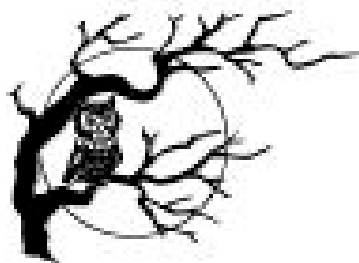
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On Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, our club hosted the annual "Super Singles" at Carol Lantiegne's property, Echoewood, in Mexico. Thanks to Maxine Clark and the assistance of Suzi McDonald, the day was well organized for all to enjoy. (On a side note, I would add that several people thought my email about "Super Singles" was spam! We all laughed at that.)



impressive to see the improvement in so many dogs over a year's time. All the dogs completed the marks to the final one. The last mark was well over 200 yards and went down a hill, through a pond between two islands, up a steep bank, up another hill and over a dirt road to the mark. It was very challenging. A few dogs were able to do the mark without any assistance and several completed it with just a little help. It was very impressive.

We had the added pleasure of a cool, crisp and sunny day that was perfect for retriever training. It was the kind of day and atmosphere that a golden retriever club event is all about. We laughed a lot, cheered a lot and just had fun with our friends and dogs. There were 16 dogs doing the marks. It was also

All in all, it was a wonderful day for dogs and people alike.

Kathy

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All members are encouraged to contribute. To save time and avoid confusion, all submissions are to be directed to Janis Tyler. Material will be published, as appropriate, to *Golden Tales*, the Web Site, and/or *Golden Retriever News*. Send via U.S. Mail or Email. Photos returned on request.

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Contact Judi Questel at  
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and sign up today!***


**Membership Information**

GRCCNY invites as new members, anyone with an interest in Golden Retrievers! Applications are available from the Club secretary, or at [www.grccny.org/memb\\_app.pdf](http://www.grccny.org/memb_app.pdf).

Membership Options:  
 Individual - \$25, Household - \$30, Associate (non-voting) - \$25.

We encourage membership in the Golden Retriever Club of America. Applications and further information may be obtained from Deborah Ascher, P.O. Box 69, Berthoud, CO 80513-0069, (970) 532-3124 or from the GRCA website at [www.grca.org/grca-app.htm](http://www.grca.org/grca-app.htm).

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## Club News & Events

### Meeting Highlights

- The Following Are Unofficial Summaries -

#### GRCCNY meeting 8/1/12

Submitted by Lynn Mickinkle

**Attendance:** 10 members in attendance.

**Minutes:** No minutes from previous meeting.

**Officer's Reports:**

**President:** 1) Looking for someone to write article for upcoming Golden Retriever News. 2) Thoughts about writing about the upcoming WC/WCX in August.

**Secretary:** None.

**Treasurer:** Balance total given for three accounts.

**General Reports:**

**Specialty:** Carol will bring the trophy list for next year's Specialty to the next meeting.

**Golden Tales:** Kathy will contact Judi for due dates for the next issue.

**Field:** WC/WCX currently has 7 entries. Need 10 to break even. Closing date is Monday, 8/6, but you can still enter at the event.

**Legislation:** None.

**Eye Clinic:** Flyer is ready and will be distributed.

**Rescue/Puppy Referrals:** Numbers remain down. Recently took in a 4 month old puppy. Need more foster homes.

**Awards Dinner:** Will have information at next meeting.

**Nominating Committee:** Nominating committee comprised of Sallie Lennox, Lynn Mickinkle and Ann Wood. Need to have nominations 10 days before September meeting.

**Other Items:**

**New Members:** None.

**Unfinished Business:** Will take donations for raffle basket for GR Nationals.

**New Business:** None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM. Next meeting 9/12/12.

#### GRCCNY meeting 8/1/12

Submitted by Lynn Mickinkle

**Attendance:** 16 members in attendance.

**Minutes:** Minutes from previous meeting read and approved.

**Officer's Reports:**

**President:** 1) Sportsmen's Day to be held Sept 22/23, 2012. Looking for demo dogs. Kathy has contact information if anyone is interested in doing a demonstration. 2) Seminar in Kemptonville, Ontario on Transforming Puppy Rearing to be held March 2/3, 2013. Kathy will forward to anyone interested. 3) Thank you letters received and read from Kari Mickinkle, Joe and Marcia Martin. 4) If club is interested, someone can come and do a demonstration on the canine CPR masks. 5) Changing some of the meetings to Wednesday night didn't make a difference in attendance. Will probably change back to all Thursday nights for next year.

**Secretary:** Email from Long Island Retriever Club to pass along premium for their Hunt Test. If anyone interested, contact Lynn.

**Treasurer:** 1) Balance total given for three accounts. 2) Profit from Wc/WCX reported. 3) Biggest expense for the year will be awards.

**General Reports:**

**Specialty:** 1) Trophy list circulated. 2) Paperwork for next year's Specialty has been sent to AKC. 3) Will discuss holding CCA next year at October meeting. Made a profit at this year's event; however, it was approximately a quarter of what was realized at the 2009 CCA.

**Golden Tales:** Decision made to waive current issue. Will have October edition.

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Flyer Stoltz



Bonefeathers Puppy



Malibu McDonald

***From Your Best Friend***

Please don't mourn for me today  
My love was strong, but I couldn't stay  
The Rainbow Bridge, they call this place  
And God has blessed it with his grace  
In His hands I am safe and sound  
And you won't believe who all I've found  
If some days seem too much to bear  
Just close your eyes - You'll find me there

*By Permission from Sandy Rolling  
Iowa City Golden Retriever Club*



**Goldens Remembered**

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**"Lipton"**

Frasier's Lipton Brew  
12/3/2004 - 5/28/2012  
*Karen Fukes*

**"Diesel"**

GRRCNY #05-24  
*John and Lisa Andrews*

**"Jag"**

Can CH Caymen's U Start Me Up  
*Scott and Sharon Wilson*

**"Madison"**

Caymen's Madison Avenue  
*Scott and Sharon Wilson*

Cyn-Bar's Sir Barnaby Jones CDXRA  
*Cindy Berry*

Groman Gambier  
*David and Patti Gambier*

**WELCOME**

**New Members**

**Cindy Massicci**, Ithaca  
*Associate*  
**Jodi Golden**, Baldwinsville  
*Rescue Honorary*

\*Election Required for Individual or Household Applicants

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**Garden State Golden Retriever Club  
WC/WCX Tests**

Saturday – October 13, 2012

Stiger Farm, 3 Finn Road, Pittstown, NJ  
Judges: Lisa Kane & Grace Mondrosch  
Gilbert, PA

Start Time: 9:00 AM  
Game: Pheasant and Ducks

Entry Fees: \$40 (WC), \$50 (WCX)  
Entries close 10/6/12  
Post entries \$5 additional, if space available  
Entry limited to 30 dogs combined WC/WCX  
Test open to Golden Retrievers, Flat-Coat  
Retrievers and Irish Water Spaniels. Preference  
will be given to Golden Retrievers.  
**Visit [www.gsgrc.org](http://www.gsgrc.org) for premium**



## 2013 GRCCNY Specialty

### Will You "Sponsor" a Class?



It's 9 months until our April 2013 Specialty but our Trophy List has to be submitted this fall. Instead of providing trophies to the class winners, our Club sends a donation to the Golden Retriever Foundation. This donation is an accumulation of the contributions of our members. Our Club is proud of our members who make these donations instead of presenting "hardware" trophies at the Specialty.

If you are able to support a class, contact Carol Allen at (315) 469-7926 or carosal@twcny.rr.com. Select a class and ask if it's still available. Mention if you wish to have your donation "in memory of" or "in honor of". All we need now are pledges; we'll send you a reminder in the spring when the pledged amount is due.

Many thanks to our members who have already pledged: Allen, Berry, Byrns, Clark, Coleman, Cox, Gray, Greenfield, Lynn, McDonald, McCloskey, Mickinkle, Mueller, Shelmidine, Tyler, Vassallo and Wood.

The number in (\$) is the minimum pledge for that class. A greater amount may be pledged if that is your wish.

#### CONFORMATION

- Best of Breed (\$50)
- Best Opposite Sex (\$40)
- Best of Winners (\$30)
- Reserve Winners Bitch (\$25)
  - Open Dog (\$25)
  - Open Bitch (\$25)
  - Novice Dog (\$15)
  - Novice Bitch (\$15)
- American Bred Dog (\$15)
- American Bred Bitch (\$15)
  - Best Puppy (\$25)
- 9-12 Month Dog (\$10)

9-12 Month Bitch (\$10)

6-9 Month Dog (\$10)

6-9 Month Bitch (\$10)

Veteran Dog, 8-10 Years (\$10)

Veteran Bitch, 8-10 Years (\$10)

Amateur Owner/Handler Dog (\$15)

Amateur Owner/Handler Bitch (\$15)

#### RALLY

High Scoring Golden in:

Rally Advanced A (\$10)

Rally Advanced B (\$10)



2013 GRCA National Specialty  
Wichita Falls, Texas  
Hosted by Dallas - Fort Worth  
Metro Golden Retriever Club  
October 20 - 30, 2013

Celebrating 75 Years of GRCA!

# WC/WCX

## Event Results

August 11, 2012 – Mexico, NY



**WC: 11 starters, 9 qualifiers.** Front Row: Adirondac All About Moxie (Kevin Crinklaw, handler; Carol Lantiegne, owner); Emeline's River Dancer OA OAJ (Pam Cox, owner); Lyn-D's Keep on Truck-N CDX (Rebecca Burns, owner); Ambertrail Rockets Red Glare CD SH \*\*\* OD (Bruce and Audrey Coleman, owners); Tarat's Aim for the Stars UD RAE SH (Bruce and Audrey Coleman, owners); Adirondac's Grand Lady of Sandy Pond (Chuck Thousand, owner); Adirondac Porter of Loon Lake JH (Keith Silliman, owner). Back Row: Judge Marcia Martin; Adirondac Meadowbrae Free Spirit JH (Ken and Joan Kogut, owners); Judge Joe Martin; CH Highmark's Sweet Sir Galahad CD RE JH (Kathy McLaughlin-Wager, owner).

**WCX: 9 starters, 3 qualifiers.** MACH Goldencol's Come Fly with Me UD MX MXJMXF (Deb Brunner-Walker, owner); Judge Marcia Martin; Gaylan's Roddenberry a la Mode SH (Ann Lynn, owner); Judge Joe Martin; Adirondac Meadowbrae Rose SH TDI (Ken and Joan Kogut, owners).



Photos courtesy of Tom O'Connell

# WC/WCX Candidids

August 11, 2012

Echoewood – Mexico, NY



**From top left:** Emeline's River Dancer OA OAJ (Pam Cox, owner); Oxford's TNT's Secret Weapon JH WC (Denise Atkinson, owner); Gaylan's Roddenberry a la Mode SH (Ann Lynn, owner); Tarat's Aim for the Stars UD RAE SH (Bruce and Audrey Coleman, owners); Lyn-D's Keep on Truck-N CDX (Rebecca Byrns, owner).



*Photos courtesy of Tom O'Connell*

## New Champion!



Photo courtesy of Beth Painting

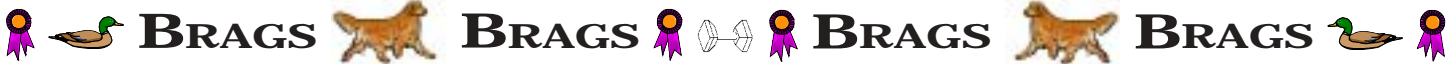
CH Painting Look At Life CCA  
"Seeker"  
Lee and Beth Painting, owners  
Karen Mammano, handler  
Mr. David L. Kittredge, judge

## New Utility Dog!



Photo courtesy of Bruce Coleman

Blue Ribbon's Funny Girl UD MH WCX  
"Fanny"  
Bruce and Audrey Coleman, owners  
Ms. Nancy Withers, judge



Tugger (Adirondac Tugs At Your Heart), owned by Ray Blaskiewicz, earned her Master Agility (MX) title at the Ruff Riders trial in Cato on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Malibu (Shor'Line Kickin Back in the Islands), owned by Suzanne McDonald and Cynthia Binder, received one Junior Hunter leg at the Finger Lakes hunt test in July.

Beth Greenfield reports Ada (Birch Run Heart of Westbrook) earned two Companion Dog (CD) legs at the Genesee Kennel Club and Susquenango Kennel Club obedience trials.

Kathy McCloskey and Cameo (Topflight Cameo Rose) have completed their Agility Excellent (AX) title.

Carol Lantagne reports Trixie (Adirondac Trick or Treat SH CCA WCX) has completed her CD title in three straight trials, including a second and third place. Trixie has also earned two Master Hunter (MH) legs over the summer.

Carol also reports Echoe (Adirondac Tea Party SH CCA WCX) now has two MH passes; Magic (Adirondac Moonlight Magic Eclipse SH WC) has one MH pass;

Moxie (Adirondac All About Moxie) has completed Junior Hunter (JH) and WC titles; and Karma (Adirondac Kiss Me Karma) has completed her Senior Hunter (SH) title.

Judi Questel reports Diva (Bonefeathers Its All About Me CDX RE OA NAJ CCA Can CD) completed her Open Jumpers (OAJ) title in early August. Sidra (Bonefeathers Sidra Caliente Am/Can CD RE NA NAJ CCA) also picked up an Open Standard leg at the CNY Sheltie trial.

Beth Painting reports they have a new champion in their midst – Seeker (Painting Look At Life CCA) finished his championship on September 2<sup>nd</sup> under judge Robert Ennis with a 3-point major, taking both Winners Dog and Best of Winners.

Bruce Coleman and Fanny (Blue Ribbon's Funny Girl UD MH WCX CGC) completed their Utility Dog (UD) title in her first two weekends of competing in Utility. Fanny placed first in both her Golden Retriever Club of Western New York obedience trials at the end of August, then the following weekend at the Western Lakes Training Club of Buffalo trials she placed third in each of two trials,

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# Apply / Nominate Now for All Club Annual Awards

- Golden Member Award
- Heart of Gold Award
- Versatility Award
- Title Awards

All Nominations and Applications Must Be Received Prior to November 2

## Golden Member – Heart of Gold – Versatility

Nominations Must Be Received Prior to November 2

Submit to: Judi Questel, 426 Lee Road, Ogdensburg, NY 13669

Questions? 315-393-5379 or bonefeathers@yahoo.com

### Procedure and Policy Applying to Golden Member, Heart of Gold and Versatility Awards

- The Board will invite, receive and review nominations for all, and will determine one winner for each annually.
- A commemorative award will be presented for each, to be owned permanently by the winner.
- A deadline for receipt of nominations will be published annually.
- Nominations for the Golden Member award may be submitted by any member in good standing on behalf of any other member in good standing. Nominations for the Versatility and Heart of Gold awards may be made by the owner or co-owner of the dog being nominated.
- Nominations for these three awards are to be submitted in letter format.

#### **GOLDEN MEMBER Award**

To a Club Member

##### Purpose:

To recognize one member annually who consistently and ably contributes to the success of Club activities and events.

##### Selection Criteria:

- Consideration will be favored toward members not currently serving in elected (officer, board of directors) positions.
- Number of activities and level of involvement.
- Years of service.
- Manner of participation in activities; respect for the Club, its members and the Breed.

#### **VERSATILITY Award**

To a Golden, owned or co-owned by a Club Member

##### Purpose:

To acknowledge the versatility of Golden Retrievers owned by Club members, by recognizing one dog annually with a distinguished record of title achievement in multiple areas of endeavor, through either the American or Canadian Kennel Clubs, or Golden Retriever Club of America.

##### Selection Criteria:

- An individual dog may win this award only once.
- A dog may not be nominated posthumously.
- All titles earned through a dog's lifetime, completed prior to the current year deadline, will be considered.
- A dog must have earned titles from a minimum of two areas of competition (Breed, Obedience, Rally, Agility, Tracking, Field). Consideration will be favored toward dogs having

earned a Breed (conformation) title, along with one or more performance titles, followed by dogs having earned performance titles in multiple areas of competition.

- Selection will be on a point system modeled after GRCA's VC/VCX program.
- Qualifying Breed (conformation) titles: AKC Champion, CKC Champion, GRCA CCA. Also GRCA OS and OD titles.
- Qualifying Performance titles: (Obedience) GN, GO, OM, OGM, CD, CDX, UD, UDX, VER, NOC, OTCH; (Rally) RN, RA, RE, RAE; (Agility) NA, NAJ, NAP, NJP, OA, OAJ, OAP, OJP, AX, AXJ, AXP, AJP, MX, MXJ, MXP, MJP, MACH, NF, NFP, OF, OFF, XF, XFP, FTC, FTCP, MXF, MFP, PAX, NAC; (Tracking) TD, TDX, VST, CT; (Field) WC, WCI, WCX, JH, SH, MH, AFC, FC, NFC, NAFC, \*\*\* (QAA); (Versatility) VCD, VC, VCX; (Multiple championships) DC, TC, VCCH.

#### **HEART OF GOLD Award**

To a Golden, owned or co-owned by a Club Member

##### Purpose:

To acknowledge the close bond between Golden Retrievers and humans by recognizing one dog annually for distinguished but unspecified contributions to the individual or family with which it resides.

##### Selection Criteria:

- An individual dog may win this award only once.
- A dog may not be nominated posthumously.
- Specific points for nomination are left for determination by the nominator, with only the suggestion the nomination should seek to describe how and why the dog is valued.

# Application for Title Awards – 2012

Use this form to apply for Title awards only and submit prior to November 2

Send to Marcia Martin, 518 Babcock Rd., Tully, NY 13159

Questions? 315-696-8889

GRCCNY strongly encourages its members to compete in activities enabling them to place titles on their dogs. The Club will annually recognize every title achievement with a customized decorative plaque. Each member's dog (or dogs) qualifying for the first time will receive a master plaque emblazoned with the club logo and your dog's name; also, there will be an attachment to hang below the plaque honoring each title earned in the past year. In future years, additional attachments will be awarded for each additional title. Awards are presented at the Club's annual Holiday & Awards Banquet each December.

- Members, qualified in accordance with GRCCNY Title Awards Policy, having titled dog(s) during the period November 1, 2011 through October 31, 2012 are eligible to receive Club awards.
- Recognition will be bestowed for a title awarded by any recognized sanctioning body, such as AKC, CKC, UKC, NAHRA, USDAA, CARO, APDT and GRCA. Qualifying titles may be in any field of endeavor, such as breed competition, obedience, rally, field, agility, tracking, etc. Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certification is not a title and therefore ineligible for recognition.
- To apply for your award(s), you must complete all required information on this form and return to be received not later than Friday, November 2, 2012. Copy this form if additional space required. Members whose applications are not received by this date will not have an award available at the banquet. Send to: Marcia Martin, 518 Babcock Rd., Tully, NY 13159.

Member Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

I/We attended \_\_\_\_\_ Club meetings during the period 11/11 – 10/12 (minimum requirement 2 meetings).

I/We worked at the following Club activities during the period 11/11 – 10/12 (minimum requirement – working a minimum of eight (8) hours at Club-sponsored activities):

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Examples of work that typically would require a commitment of four hours would include Field Clinic leadership, DEC meeting attendance, Eye Clinic eye droppers, WC/WCX bird care and transport, bird throwing for one series, Golden Reunion (grounds, CGC testing, grooming clinic, demonstrations, other event leadership). Any task taking more or less than four hours to be credited accordingly.

Master Plaque Wood Finish Preference  LIGHT  DARK

Dog #1   DO   DO NOT Already Have a GRCCNY Master Plaque For This Dog

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Dog Name As To Appear On Master Plaque – Include All Titles Earned Prior To This Award Period)

New Titles Earned 11/1/11 – 10/31/12                      Sanctioning Body                      Date Earned

Dog #2   DO   DO NOT Already Have a GRCCNY Master Plaque For This Dog

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Dog Name As To Appear On Master Plaque – Include All Titles Earned Prior To This Award Period)

New Titles Earned 11/1/11 – 10/31/12                      Sanctioning Body                      Date Earned

# Estate Planning Should Include Pets

by Jennifer Coates, DVM

Many of my clients love their pets like they are children, but I wonder what percentage of them have made provisions for their pets' care should they (the owners not the pets) die unexpectedly. Not many, I'd guess. I haven't either, but I'm going to change that as soon as my husband and I update our wills this summer.

Think about it. What would happen to your pets if you were suddenly out of the picture? Most of us probably assume that a family member or friend would step in and do whatever was needed. But without proper preparation, that is a lot to ask, and who's to say that the person that does end up with your pets is going to treat them the way you want them to be treated?

I recently heard about a tragic case here in Fort Collins that occurred after a pet owner died unexpectedly. He didn't have friends or family in the area and by the time word of his death reached the people in town who knew he had cats that he loved deeply, his pets had already been transported to the local "shelter" and euthanized after the legal wait time, thereby compounding the tragedy.

You can prevent something like this from happening to your pets by including them in your estate planning. I'm no lawyer, but here are a few of the basics:

1. Mention in your will where you want your pets to go. Of course, you should first confirm that your pet's new owner or sheltering

organization will be willing to take on this responsibility. Also, know that just because your will states that your sister will get your cat, it in no way mandates that she take good care of said cat. Also, there is always a delay (sometimes a lengthy one) between a person's death and their will being enacted. This isn't a big deal if you are giving your cousin your flat-screen TV but does have to be factored in with animals.

2. Consider setting up a trust for your pet. This may conjure up images of Leona Helmsley, but trusts don't need to involve millions of dollars. You can set aside a reasonable amount of money for the care of your pets (even funding it with a portion of an insurance policy, retirement account, etc.) and designate

someone to disburse funds for their care. The person in charge of the money doesn't have to be (and probably shouldn't be) the same person or organization that is the pet's guardian. Don't be concerned that your money will be wasted if your pet dies before the money runs out. You can designate one or more beneficiaries for any funds that are left over.

The peace of mind in knowing that you've provided for your pets needs in case of your death is worth the time and expense of consulting with a lawyer who is knowledgeable about how to include pets in estate plans.

*This article first appeared as the May 21, 2012 "Fully Vetted" blog column on [www.petmd.com](http://www.petmd.com) and is reprinted with permission.*

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## Golden Retrievers

### A Basic History Lesson

by Nona Kilgore Bauer

"Primarily a hunting dog..." This, the beginning of the second sentence in the Golden Retriever's AKC standard, reflects the origins of the breed and the vision of its Scottish champion, Sir Dudley Marjoriebanks (later known as Lord Tweedmouth).

Most Golden owners know of the legendary Marjoriebanks, an ardent waterfowl enthusiast and dog breeder who dreamed of a canine hunting partner suited to the rough terrain and cold, rugged waters of the English seacoast. Those lofty aspirations, in 1868, launched the historic breeding

journey of a superb hunting dog with a waterproof golden coat.

Fast-forward to the 21st-century Golden Retriever. The Golden's unique combination of beauty, biddability, and athleticism easily propelled the breed into the top 10 of AKC-registered breeds. And as its popularity surged, the breed morphed into the "do-it-all retriever" – with prowess in the field diminishing proportionately.

Enter the AKC Hunting Test program. Originally devised by hunting enthusiasts who were

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## **Rescue Reporter** - By Carol Allen

Your Club endorses and promotes the work of Golden Retriever Rescue of Central NY and encourages your individual support through membership, donations and volunteered assistance. For more information contact Carol Allen at 315-469-7926.

### **Sophie's Story – a Tragedy**

Sophie was diagnosed at about 8 months as needing bilateral patella luxation, and a veterinarian performed that surgery. While the surgery itself does not seem to be the problem now, the post-surgical advice given to the owner – to keep each leg tightly bound to the body to prevent weight-bearing and extension – was contrary to opinions provided by two Board-certified surgeons and a surgical consult at Cornell. As a result there is significant decreased range of motion on both stifle joints, contractures of the hamstring and quadriceps muscles, a grade 4 lateral patellar luxation of the right stifle, and extreme thickening of the left stifle joint. The family has reached the limits of what it can do financially and realize they do not have the resources – financial and otherwise - to provide further. Sophie now moves about by dragging her hindquarters. GRRCNY was asked to accept her with the family's only other alternative being euthanizing. That family understands that we cannot accept Sophie without a foster home that can provide for her.

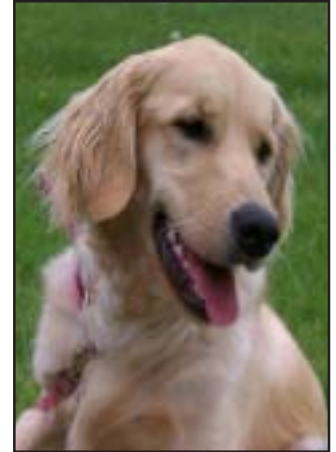


Photos courtesy of Carol Allen

GRRCNY obtained another surgical consult: while the surgeon tells us he has done hundreds of patella luxation repairs, this is by far the most complicated and risky he has considered. However he is willing to try as long as we know and accept the risk. There is a 25% chance that there will be an acceptable outcome. The relocation of the knees to their proper positions is not the largest challenge of the surgery. Muscle constrictures must be removed by severing, hamstring constrictures may be severed and possible stretched by the eventual physical therapy. And recovery for hind limb abnormalities requires one good leg to

weight-bear while the afflicted leg is recovering: in this case, there is no good leg.

Sophie is now 16 months old, extremely sweet and loving in spite of the obvious pain she is in. While financial considerations are an issue, an even more daunting issue is a need for a foster home that is willing and able to:



- \* provide care for Sophie in a home without steps.
- \* be physically able to carry Sophie in and out of the house for as long as necessary and to support her minimal weight bearing at first after surgery.
- \* be willing to provide daily active and passive range of motion exercises to the point of pain (as a surgeon explained, "PT" doesn't make a difference unless its provided beyond that pain threshold).
- \* accept the risk that the surgery and the following PT may not succeed.

While my major point in sharing this story with you is for the search of a foster home, another message I hope to share is this: be wary about a veterinarian who may suggest that he/she provide surgery and treatments beyond his/her knowledge and ability level. Seek second opinions. If this happened to a human there would be a malpractice case but no such redress exists for companion animals that are considered "property" in New York State. If this went to court and was "successful" the most the owner could regain would be the cost of the dog and that was practically nothing in this case.

While the rewards of rescue work are many, the heartbreaks are many, too.

## ⇒ History (Cont from Pg. 11)

determined to provide a venue for the hunting retriever, the non-competitive testing program served an important need in the world of sporting dogs. As retriever field trials had grown more competitive and more expensive, many Golden owner/trial-hopefuls found they could no longer afford the time and money required to maintain a competitive field trial dog.

Hunt tests bridged that gap, offering wannabe trialers, as well as hunters, a chance to prove the working abilities of their dogs. The tests also encouraged conformation and obedience competitors, and even pet owners, to demonstrate the original purpose of their dogs.

Conversely, the testing process also inspired some test participants to venture into the intimidating world of field trials. Thrilled by the sight of their own or someone else's Golden flying through the tests with speed and style and working head-to-head with Labrador owners, some Golden owners wanted more – bigger challenges and more-competitive dogs. Having witnessed Golden retrievers with superior intensity and drive working with true passion for the game, they promised themselves a dog like that one “next time.”

As the hunt-test program continues to grow, it can only benefit the Golden Retriever and bring him back to his roots as a superior hunting companion who can, indeed, do it all.

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Ruby Sunshine Moran

### **Holiday and Awards Banquet** **SUNDAY, December 9** **Rico's Ristorante** **320 E. 1st St - East Syracuse** **Cash Bar – 4PM Family Style Dinner – 5PM**

Reservations Required – Deadline Dec 1  
Clip, complete and mail coupon below.

#### Grab-Bag Gift Exchange

Each attendee is invited to contribute a gift to be randomly swapped for that of another contributor. Gifts should be wrapped, “doggie related” and not exceeding \$10 in value.

#### Dinner Cost

Cost of \$25 per person includes Dinner Buffet and Dessert.

#### Annual Awards

Presented after dinner.

#### Directions

From Rt. 481 - Exit 4 at Rt 690 West. Go 1 mile to Exit 17 for Bridge St/E Syracuse toward Rt 290. Turn left on Bridge St for 0.2 miles. Continue on Manlius Center Road (Rt 290) for 0.3 miles. Turn left on E 1st St. Rico's is on the left.

### **Holiday and Awards** **Banquet Reservation**

**Reservation Deadline is December 1**

Mail this coupon & check  
payable to GRCCNY to:

**Bobbie Vassallo**

**GRCCNY Banquet Chairperson**  
**4266 Amblewood Lane**  
**Clay, NY 13041**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Number in Your Party \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose \$25 per person. Total enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

⇒ **Minutes (Cont from Pg. 3)**

**Field:** Super Singles will be held 9/29/12 at Echoewood. There will be 6 marks and 1 killer mark. Killer mark will be done if dog gets first 6 marks. Flyer to be sent out to membership.

**Legislation:** None.

**Eye Clinic:** Sunday, 10/14/12. Still looking for volunteers.

**Rescue/Puppy Referrals:** 1) Numbers remain down. 2) Contacted by a licensed breeder in Lowville looking to get rid of 3 Senior females that “need to be replaced.” Delaware Valley Rescue will be taking them in. 3) Need more foster homes.

**Awards Dinner:** Sunday, 12/9/12. Discussion ensued regarding keeping dinner at Borio’s or changing to Rico’s. Vote to move awards to Rico’s – unanimous vote to change to Rico’s.

**Nominating Committee:** Nominations for October elections: Suzanne MacDonald, President; Kathy McClosky, Vice President; Lynn Mickinkle, Secretary; Carol Allen, Treasurer. No nominations from the floor.

**Other Items:**

**New Members:** None.

**Unfinished Business:** GR News column – Carol’s column did not appear in last issue. Lynn will check and see why it was not in this past issue.

**New Business:** 1) Discussion about doing grab bags at the meetings. Some members for, some against. Was decided not to do the grab bag at October meeting. There will be cider and donuts. 2) Would like to have people bring donations for the National raffle basket again next year. 3) Pam Cox is looking into the club holding an agility “A” match so the club could eventually hold agility trials. Pam is contacting SOTC about renting the building and equipment for the match. Judi Questel has volunteered to be Trial Secretary for the match. Pam will have report at October meeting.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:10 PM. Next meeting 10/18/12.



⇒ **Morris Animal (Cont from Pg. 1)**

participate in the study. “The Golden Retriever Lifetime Study gives us the opportunity to be proactive. We want to ensure future generations of dogs will have a fighting chance against cancer. As a family, we are so pleased that Morris Animal Foundation has taken on this study and continues to be at the forefront of prevention, treatment breakthroughs and possible cures for cancer.”

The Golden Retriever Lifetime Study is the first study in the overarching Canine Lifetime Health Project, a nationwide effort to fund groundbreaking studies

that address prevention and treatment of canine diseases. Learn more about the study and join the Canine Lifetime Health Project at [www.CanineLifetimeHealth.org](http://www.CanineLifetimeHealth.org).

Platinum sponsors of this study include the Morris family, the Blue Buffalo Foundation for Cancer Research, Hill’s Pet Nutrition, Petco, Pfizer Animal Health and VCA Antech. Additional sponsors include the Hadley & Marion Stuart Foundation and Mars Veterinary.



Flyer Stoltz



Adirondac Puppy



Tallulah Cox



# Views from the Doghouse

By Judi Questel, Editor

*Opinions expressed here are not necessarily those of "management."  
This column is the price y'all have to pay for stickin' me with this job.*

## Building the Future

Those of us who are active in the dog fancy have heard, in some shape or form, the sentiment that kids are the future of our sport. How true that can be! But where are those kids found?

Of course there are the ones who are born and raised in families already active in the sport of dogs. These kids often have a built-in network of resources and have been going to dog shows in some form since they were small – you can say dog shows are in their blood.

Then there are the ones who are “discovered” though various activities with their dogs. As obedience instructors, Tom and I love to see kids coming to class and wanting to be active participants. Some of these kids can really go far with some gentle mentoring. A case in point – Logan, a six year old boy who went through Tom’s beginner obedience class last spring with one of the family’s dogs, a six year old Australian Cattle Dog – both boy and dog were the same age! Logan and Ranger were a great team and watching Logan gain confidence as the classes progressed was heartwarming for everyone, they also became the role models for all the adults in the class. Logan and Ranger passed the class with flying colors, and Tom encouraged Logan further by presenting him with a special accomplishment ribbon at graduation. They then went on to earn a Canine Good Citizen certification in early summer and started agility foundation handling classes – though there were days when Ranger couldn’t see the point of these exercises and Logan would get frustrated with Ranger’s stubbornness. They are typical six year olds,

after all. I also have to note that mom was not meddlesome, letting Logan work with Ranger during class while she sat on the sidelines taking notes and asking questions after the session was over. Logan also helped out at our local club’s agility trial last month, allowing him a front row seat to the action and really giving him a picture of what he is working toward in agility classes. It was amazing to see his enthusiasm in planning his training schedule, and desire to leave early so he could get to it!

So, you may ask how you can help encourage youngsters to get involved with the sport of dogs? Is there a dog-oriented 4-H group in your area? If there isn’t one specifically dog-oriented, maybe working with a general 4-H group may lead to a special interest group. Maybe you can work through a canine ambassador program with local grade schools. If you teach, keep your eye out for the family with young kids who are interested in the class. Mentor a neighbor kid who has expressed a fondness for your dogs.

Offer to do presentations. Do you participate in a particular venue that the kids might like a demonstration of? How about doing a talk on responsible pet ownership? How to do basic grooming? What is involved in doing therapy work? What is the role of a service dog? The options are many.

We have all gained life experience by being involved with our dogs – passing this on to today’s youth will go a long way toward assuring future generations enjoy canine activities.



### ⇒ Brags (Cont from Pg. 8)

completing her UD and earning a bumper leg. Fanny was required to compete in Utility B because Bruce had earned an OTCH with a previous dog (Leo).

Judi Questel reports Moya (Bonefeathers Farscape Moya CDX RAE MX MXJ NF CCA; Can CDX AgI AgIJ) has been moved into Preferred agility classes and is

having a blast on the courses. In only seven days of trials she has completed her Novice Agility Preferred (NAP), Novice Jumpers Preferred (NJP), Open Agility Preferred (OAP) and Open Jumpers Preferred (OJP) titles. Out of her 12 qualifying scores to earn the four titles, 11 were first place and the 12<sup>th</sup> was a third place.



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### Meetings

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All meetings at Gander Mountain's Community Room, 5864 Carmenica Drive, Cicero unless otherwise indicated. Exit #30 from I-81 (next to Cracker Barrel Restaurant).

**October 18 (Thurs)**  
7:00<sup>PM</sup> General/Annual Meeting

### Activities

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**Eye Clinic - October 14**  
*Village Veterinary Clinic - Wampsville*

**Awards Dinner - December 9**  
*Rico's Ristorante - East Syracuse*

**In case of inclement weather**, information regarding meeting or event cancellations may be obtained by calling Kathy McCloskey - 315-233-9571