



Golden Tales

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MACH SkyeFire Prairie Gold "Popcorn"



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Welcome New members!

Beckie Cizenski

ON THE COVER

Popcorn and Kathy McCloskey earned a MACH.
MACH Skyefire Prairie Gold "Popcorn"
UD RA JH MX MXB MXJ MJB XF T2B TKI WC

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NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of Golden Tales will be October 2019.
Deadline for submission of articles is October 10, 2019

Where to Send It ... For

Golden Tales - Website -Golden Retriever News

All members are encouraged to contribute and submit material.

Send to Lynn Mickinkle, lmickinkle@gmail.com, or 200 Cobb Drive, Lacona, NY 13083:

ALL brags, all material you'd like to see on our website (www.grccny.org)

and articles for the Golden Retriever News Member Club Columns.

GRCA deadline: the 1st of every uneven month

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Activity and Event Leaders

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Calendar of Events

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Village Vet 10-2

Note: Nationals in Los Angeles – “Solid Gold” (October 18-27)

November

1- Deadline for Title applications and Award nominations

December

8 – Annual Club banquet & brief general meeting

*NOTE: We will put the forms for all events
and awards on the website*



Good Dog TIPS

A tip from Dr. Davis, Animal Dental Specialist: If you cannot bend a toy, do not give it to your pet. Do not give bones, antlers, hooves, nylabones, bully sticks as chew treats.



President's Message

Hello Golden Friends,

Well, we are now into the summer which is a lot of fun for our dogs. Whether you are camping, gardening, or swimming, your Golden will enjoy his/her time with you. Our pets or "furry kids" are so special and our pet owners are an important part of our club. Some of us are also into the season of trials and shows from dock diving to obedience, agility, rally, barn hunt, scent work, field, tricks, tracking and/or conformation. I was just at a dock diving splash and it was heartwarming to see so many excited and happy dogs with their owners having a truly great time.

As I have suggested for a few years, try some activities with your dog and enjoy him or her. You don't have to compete to try things out and have fun. I made a commitment that I would try out the activities presented at our meetings and I have found some that my dogs and I really enjoy, some that didn't really fit us but always happily learned a lot of new things and appreciated the love and commitment of each dog and owner.

I want to make a plea, once again, to ALL of our members. Please support and value your club. We see so few of you and even less step up to be involved and help. I would love to see our club grow and meet the needs of all of our members. This year we have earned a very nice reputation after hosting a popular seminar. We had many visitors who were so impressed they are asking for more. We were even recognized by our national and asked to consider being the host city and club for the 2023 Golden Nationals. This was quite an honor, but sadly without club involvement of many this really is not a possibility.

We are now in the season of nominations, with elections just around the corner. Please consider running for an office or serving on the Board. We need new faces, energy and ideas. If there are programs or seminars that interest you, speak up. Your club is counting on you!

Enjoy your dogs, your club and the many friends they bring into our lives.

Have a wonderful rest of the summer.

Carol and Murphy & Duffy too



Good Dog TIPS

Be sure to cut open the side of all food bags. Many dogs will try to stick their head in and get it stuck. This can lead to suffocation.



Duffy and Murphy

It's getting hot in herrrree: Heat Exhaustion in Dogs

By Deanna Rodriguez

FACT: On a 70-degree day, a vehicle may increase by an average of 40 degrees within one hour.

Although a sunny 77-degree day may seem like a great day for us to walk outside, it can become quite dangerous for our pets in a short amount of time. A dog's body temperature ranges from 100.5F to 102.5F and on a hot summer day, their body temperature can easily reach 105F. Unlike people, a dog does not sweat out its excess heat.

Dogs can suffer from heat exhaustion if they are left outdoors without proper shade and no water. They can also have a heat stroke if they are exercised in a hot humid environment. Lastly, dogs can become affected by their own bodies. Dogs with small snouts or pushed in faces (Pugs, Bulldogs, Boston Terriers) usually have difficulties breathing and their panting is often ineffective at decreasing their body temperature. Obese pets have at least 1 inch of fat that become an insulating jacket and does not allow for heat to dissipate!

Initially, your pet will pant heavily and become restless. They will start to drool from the mouth and the nose as their temperature increases. They become unsteady on their feet and maybe even collapse. Finally, their tongue and gums will turn either bright red or blue due to a lack of oxygen. Severe hyperthermia can result in multiple organ system failure.

Should you notice these signs, remove your pet from the hot environment. Seek shade immediately. Place a fan on your pet. You can place wet towels on the back of the neck, armpits, and groin area. Placement of rubbing alcohol on the paw pads will help cool the body as well. Offer them water only if they are alert but do not try to force feed water into them. They will only get more stressed and there is a risk of aspiration pneumonia. Always remember to seek veterinary care if your pet is not improving.

Heat stroke is completely preventable if you stick to some basic safety rules. Limit outdoor activity on hot humid days. Seek shady areas to walk and always provide plenty of water. Follow these rules for a safe and fun summer with your pet!



**Morris Animal
FOUNDATION**
Golden Retriever Lifetime Study

Lifetime Study Update

The Morris Animal Foundation has come out with the following Pet Cancer Prevention Checklist. Details on each tip are available at www.morrisanimalfoundation.org

- Avoid second-hand smoke
- Monitor your pet's weight
- Become an expert on your breed
- Have regular annual veterinary checkups
- Avoid long-term exposure to sunlight
- Avoid exposure to asbestos
- Add vegetables of their diet
- Examine your pet once a month
- Avoid exposure to lawn chemicals
- Exercise your pet regularly
- Avoid exposure to paints & solvents
- Get to know your pet

Bark in the Park

By Julie DeKing

On Saturday June 22, 2019, the GRCCNY attended the 1st Annual Bark in the Park at Lysander Park in Baldwinsville, NY.

There were a total of 14 dog related vendors including rescue organizations, dog photographers, dog trainers, groomers, and dog accessory/treat vendors. Pet owners had a chance to get rabies vaccines and microchips, and there was also a Blessing of the Pets performed to start off the day.

We were able to meet a few golden retrievers and their owners, and hope to welcome them to a meeting the future. It was a beautiful day outside in a dog friendly park, meeting many different breeds, and we look forward to attending again in the future.

If you are interested in volunteering/planning future community events for the club to take part in please email Julie at julie-deking@gmail.com.



Tanner at Bark in the Park in Lysander.

**Julie DeKing and Deanna Rodriguez
both went and represented our club.**

*Thank
you*

*for the door prizes at the April meeting from Country Max, May Meeting-Erik Strickland
and June Meeting- Dunkin Donuts*



Painting-Storybook Serenity **Duffy R** CGCA,TKP, DS, CCA (owned by Carol Krehel and handled by Bobbie Vassallo) placed 3rd twice in American Bred Golden at the Salt City Cluster. At Henrietta, he placed 2nd in Am Bred one day, went Winners Dog, and also went Best of Winners. At Bainbridge he took one 2nd in Am Bred, three Winners Dog and a Best of Winners.

Kathy McClosky's **Popcorn** earned her UD at SOTC on 6/8/19. The next weekend, she earned her MACH at Erie on 6/14/19. She is now: MACH Skyefire Prairie Gold UD RA JH MX MXB MXJ MJB XF T2B TKI WC

Liver Brownies (dog treat) Recipe

By Julie Deking

In a blender/food processor puree:

- 1 1/2 pounds chicken or beef liver
- 2 eggs with the shells
- 1/4 cup molasses

In a large bowl combine:

- 1 1/4 cups wheat flour
- 1 1/4 cups dry oats
- 1/2 cup wheat germ



Add puree to dry ingredients and mix well
Cover cookie sheet with parchment paper
Evenly spread mixture on cookie sheet

Bake at 350 degrees for 16-18 mins

Cool well. Cut as desired. Store in refrigerator or freezer



GRCA 79th National Specialty

By Beth Greenfield

The theme for this year's specialty was a Golden Legacy in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Golden Retriever breed. Agility, Rally, Obedience, and CCA along with Conformation, breeder's education and health clinics were held at the Purina Event Center in Gray Summit, MO. The WC/WCX, Hunt test and Field Trail were held at the August Busch Memorial Conservation Area in St. Charles, MO and the tracking test was at Sullivan Fairgrounds.

The Purina Event Center, which hosts dog events throughout the year, has enough space indoors and out to accommodate many different events. The arena has flooring that is ideal for working dogs and judging; for agility, they roll out grass matting.

The CCA on Tuesday was full with 48 dogs between two sets of evaluators. I had some nice dogs to evaluate although two that were a challenge. I also had two judge applicants with me while I did my evaluations and we went over my scores. In addition, I was able to do ringside mentoring with the judges' education panel. Before I flew out Wednesday, I helped out volunteering. The whole event was strong on volunteers - the only way to be successful.

Did you know we are now on Facebook? You can access us from your facebook page (just search for Golden Retriever Club of Central New York) or press the facebook link on our club website: WWW.GRCCNY.ORG. You don't need to have a Facebook account to see our facebook page, but you will need a facebook account if you would want to "like" our page or post a picture of your pooch.



In Case You Missed It *by Carol Krehel*

We welcomed Dr. Aaron Wey, a canine cardiologist from the Albany area, to our April meeting. Among a variety of topics was a discussion about taurine and DCM (Dilated Cardiomyopathy) popular in current literature.

Also, In April we had the honor of hosting a seminar with Erik Strickland, a top Golden groomer and handler. It was a fun filled weekend learning about structure and function, grooming and handling your Golden Retriever. We had guests attending from 6 states and Canada and made many new friends.

Our first seminar was a huge success and just about everyone left wanting more. A generous donation of Erik's DVD set was the door prize at our May meeting.

Our May meeting featured Dr. Ed Jazic, an animal dermatologist from Rochester and Albany. He addressed the differences between food and seasonal allergies, allergy testing, and several solutions and suggestions.



Erik Strickland Seminar



CALLING ALL MEMBERS

Household, Individuals, Associates & Guests

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday December 8th 2019

ANNUAL GOLDEN HOLIDAY BANQUET

Barbagallo's Restaurant
6334 East Molloy Road
East Syracuse, New York 13057
12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

12 PM –1 PM Social Hour
Renew old friendships & meet new members!

1 PM Dinner
Awards will be presented following the dinner

\$10.00 Dog Related Gift Exchange

Join GRRCNY at Ithaca Dog Fest 2019 August 17, 2019 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Allan H. Treman State Marine Park
805 Taughannock Blvd. (Route 89)
Ithaca, NY 14850

**We need volunteers from
rescue and the club to help
at the Ithaca Dog Fest at
the GRRCNY tent.**

**If you can help contact
Maureen Chapman at
mc27@frontiernet.net**



GRCCNY Trophy Donation Cards for 2020

Contact Kelly Mueller to sign up at kidquilter@aol.com. You may also specify a dedication in honor of or in memory of for the award you sponsor. Payments will be due by November 1st.

Reservations are still available for the following categories:

Trophy Name	Amount
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Conformation:

Best of Opposite Sex	\$40.00
Reserve Dog	\$25.00
Reserve Bitch	\$25.00
Select Dog	\$25.00
Select Bitch	\$25.00
Puppy dog 12-18 months 1st place	\$10.00
Bred by Exhibitor Dog	\$15.00
Open Dog	\$25.00
Puppy Bitch 6-9 months 1st place	\$10.00
Amateur Owner Handler Bitch	\$15.00
American Bred Bitch	\$15.00
Open Bitch	\$25.00
Veteran Bitch 8-10 years	\$10.00
Veteran Bitch 10 & over	\$10.00
Best Puppy	\$25.00
Best Veteran 8-10 years	\$25.00
Best Veteran 10 & over	\$25.00

Obedience: (Highest scoring Golden)

Graduate Novice	\$10.00
Beginner Novice A	\$10.00
Beginner Novice B	\$10.00
Preferred Novice	\$10.00
Preferred Open	\$10.00

Rally:

Rally Advanced A	\$10.00
Rally Advanced B	\$10.00
Rally Excellent A	\$10.00
Rally Excellent B	\$10.00
Rally Master	\$10.00

After the Stroke

by *Todd Clickner*

I have owned seven goldens in my life, five of which have passed Rainbow Bridge. Two of those five were rescues, the others I raised from puppyhood or birth. All but one passed from a cancer of some sort in their senior years.

One of the two dogs presently in my life, Ada, was diagnosed with brain damage in the fall of 2018. She has earned eight field titles and was used on waterfowl and upland bird hunts for eleven years.

Her mother, Scout, passed from a brain tumor. A seizure on Super Bowl Sunday resulted in an emergency trip to the vet and medication to block further episodes. I took her back to end her suffering on Valentine's Day, less than two weeks later. This was a quality of life decision on my part. The meds had prevented further seizures, but her desire to leave home for parts unknown and constant restlessness led me to believe she knew her time had come. The natural instinct to die away from her pack had emerged. There was no pupillary response to light at that last trip to the vet.

Ada's case is very different. One day I noticed a slight head tilt and enormous difficulty in walking from the kitchen to her resting place in the living room. Stairs presented a huge obstacle, both climbing and descending; I often had to carry her. A trip to my vet resulted in referral to a specialist. Six weeks after I suspected something was amiss, the specialist concluded either a stroke or brain lesions were the cause of her troubles. An MRI would be the next step, and indicate what treatment would be appropriate. At her advanced age, I thought that surgery or chemotherapy was too stressful for Ada. A steroid was prescribed to aid in any recovery that might be possible. I prepared for the worst, hoping she would last until spring and her fifteenth birthday.

The medication resulted in a huge weight loss, over 10 pounds in 30 days. She had never been allowed to put on weight after her retirement from the hunt; and her spine and ribs were now clearly visible. She didn't appear to be in any discomfort, but I was sure she was on the way out; some sort of cancer was my thought. She looked terrible, even those who knew her from puppyhood expressed their sorrow on her impending doom.

A return examination by my vet after the meds were finished failed to find any tumor or mass. My vet informed me that the specialist prescribed a steroid that was responsible for her dramatic weight loss, but necessary for any possible recovery. Ada was given a different medication, and it was hoped she would regain the lost weight. Given a license to eat, Ada did exactly that. She passed birthday number 15 in March of 2019 and has largely regained her health. She has a bit of trouble with stairs, but will still fetch up a ball and even runs short distances. A truly remarkable recovery!

So what is the lesson to be learned here? Although a tumor is incurable without surgery or chemotherapy; a stroke, even in a dog of advanced age, is not the end. I have been given more time to enjoy her presence; and am grateful for every day. She will tell me when its time.



Ada Clickner



Ada Clickner 02.18.19

Meet the Member- Julie DeKing

I have been a member of the GRCCNY since Fall of 2018. I am “mom” to a 2.5 year old golden named Tanner (and 2 cats, Bentley and Mabel). After growing up with multiple mixed breed dogs as pets, Tanner is my first dog as an adult, and my first golden retriever.

Last July we were swimming on a hot day in my mom’s in ground pool and he started jumping off the edge into the pool. Two and a half weeks later, we were entered into our first Dock Diving competition where I met Carol and Bobbie, who encouraged me to join the club. I never imagined I would get involved in dog sports, but after our first competition, we were hooked. Tanner quickly improved. We earned our first ever title (Dock Senior), and in August qualified for the North America Diving Dogs National Championships in Orlando, which took place in December 2018. Never in my wildest dreams did I ever think I would attend a National Championships with my dog, and it was an amazing experience.

Over the long winter we decided to start training in other sports while waiting for the dock to open again. We have begun trialing in Barn Hunt and are also taking agility classes. Dock Diving will always be his favorite though, as he absolutely loves the water!

I am so very grateful for being able to join the club and meet so many other people who love golden retrievers. I have learned so much from talking with other members and attending the Speaker Series. I have also recently enjoyed representing our club at community events in attempts to increase awareness of everything we offer! Tanner is taking me on a journey that I never imagined, and I look forward to sharing our future with all of you!



Julia DeKing and Tanner

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