



Land O' Lincoln Letter

Land O' Lincoln Golden Retriever Club

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President's Message

Now that we have settled in to the cold weather we can focus on inside activities such as obedience, agility, flyball and conformation, or just sitting by the fire.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all that worked so hard to insure that we got AKC provisional recognition, especially Carolyn McGuire for all her hard work in preparing beautiful binders.

Along with the recognition, I have received the OK from the AKC to hold a STAR (Socialization * Training * Activity * Responsibility) Puppy class at the Westmont Facility. This will be open to only Golden Retrievers and will be held sometime in the spring. All puppies up to 1 year of age are eligible to participate. Of course, classes will be divided so a 10 week puppy will not be in class with a 10 month puppy. After completion of the STAR puppy class, each participant will receive the AKC STAR Puppy Medal and you and your puppy will be listed in the AKC STAR Puppy records. You will also receive an AKC Star Puppy package that includes a frameable certificate. I am applying for my CGC Evaluators license so that I can hold these classes. If you might be interested, or know of someone who has a puppy, please have them contact me at (630) 759-2029 or patberger@ameritech.net). For more information about the program please go the following website: http://www.akc.org/starpuppy/about_the_program.cfm

I hope everyone had a good holiday and will have great 2010!

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GOLDEN EVENTS

PUBLIC EDUCATION EVENT

Char Sorrentino, Chairperson

This spring we are trying to plan a free educational event for Golden puppy owners. I am looking for volunteers to help with a "Puppy" seminar. (Goldens only). The seminar would cover the Pet puppy, for those Golden owners who want well mannered, happy pets. Also, a seminar for the "Performance Puppy", working from the start to have a successful competition Golden. Another for "Conformation Puppy", something for puppies going into the breed ring, possibly with a first time handler/owner.

I need someone to cover the Performance and Conformation segments. Someone who is willing to give some time to do a presentation/mini class with people participating in the seminar. The clinic can be held at my property, we are just south of Beecher, Illinois.

The dates I have available (other dates possible) are May 8, 15 or 16. We would need to meet at least once to plan and coordinate the event. I will be willing to try and get some advertising in our area newspapers, if everyone can pass out flyers, etc.

If anyone is interested in helping with this type of event send me an email, cpmaddog@msn.com or give me a call at 815-466-0094/home or cell 815-351-2859.



Winter Care for Your Dog's Feet

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"Here in Ohio, we are just about recovered from our first major snowfall of 2010. When I let my dogs inside last night, I took a look at their feet – bad news! My golden had lots of snowballs stuck between her toe pads, and all of the dogs' toe pads looked a lot worse for wear. So, I did a little research today to find out how to take better care of their feet during the harsh winter weather.



First of all, if you live in a very cold area, consider buying booties for your dog. These are available at outdoor stores like Cabella's and are especially helpful for dogs with long hair between their toes, dogs who are elderly, and dogs who seem especially sensitive to cold.

Next, trim the hair between your dog's toes. This is what caused the problem with my Golden Retriever. Long hair allows snow and ice balls to form and cling to the feet. As your dog walks, the balls work their way in between the toe pads and can cause quite a bit of unnecessary pain. Check your dog's feet when he or she comes inside and remove any snow or ice you find pretending to be toe jam.

Keep a pail of water and some towels near the door your dog uses. Dipping the dog's feet in the water and drying them thoroughly will not only remove mud but will also dissolve any road salt or ice melt that might be stuck to your dog's paws. Many of these substances are irritating to your dog's feet and can cause stomach problems if the dog licks the chemicals off his or her feet.

If you need to clear slippery walkways where your dog may walk, check the label of any commercial preparations you use to make sure they are safe for dogs. Alternatively, use kitty litter or sandbox sand to provide a sure-footed surface.

If you will be walking your dog, try spraying his or her feet with a little bit of cooking spray (like Pam) before you go out. The oil will moisturize and protect the footpads.

Until next time, Good day, and good dog!"

The View from the Other Side of the Ring Gates

I often hear Exhibitors question what judges are really looking for in the Obedience Ring. Every judge has a unique perspective, but all operate within the AKC Obedience Regulations. Let us for example, take a look at the “Novice” Obedience Heel on Lead exercise.

The Regulations specify the following:

"The judge must carry a mental picture of the theoretically perfect performance for each exercise and score each dog and handler against this standard. This “perfect picture” must comply with these regulations and shall combine the utmost in willingness, enjoyment and precision on the part of the dog with naturalness, gentleness and smoothness on the part of the handler. Speed alone does not necessarily indicate willingness and enjoyment. Lack of willingness and enjoyment on the part of the dog must be penalized, as must lack of precision in the dog’s performance. Roughness in handling, military precision or harsh commands by the handler must also be penalized. There shall be no penalty of less than one-half point."

On Lead Heeling.

Unlike Agility, the judge must first invite the Obedience team into the ring. Then the judge looks at the dog’s collar to make sure that no tags are hanging from it and that it is legal. Secondly, the judge glances at the lead to see if that is OK. The Regulations say,

"The leash must be made of fabric or leather and need only be long enough to provide adequate slack during the Heel on Leash exercise... All dogs in the obedience ring must wear a properly fitted collar approved by the judge. No special training collars, such as electronic collars or prong collars, will be permitted. Nothing may be hanging from the dog’s collar."

The judge asks the exhibitor if they have any questions. If not, the judging begins.

The first official question from the judge is, “Are you ready?” There are two answers to this question? “Yes!” or “No.” Some exhibitors need a little more time to get set up and get ready. Please skip the “I don’t know!” or “I am not sure.” Taking too much time can actually result in a penalty. A judge has to keep to schedule and if you cannot get your dog set up to be judged in a reasonable time, you could be assessed a penalty for lack of teamwork or lack of control. As the working team moves forward, the concepts of willingness and precision are something that the judge is looking to see in the performance.

When the judge says, “Forward”, the dog and handler pair begins. The handler either uses a verbal command such as “Sporty heel. “ or uses a hand signal to tell the dog that the heeling exercise has begun. The first few feet sometimes define what is to follow. Does the dog anticipate...begin the heel exercise on its own, before the handler’s command? Does the dog respond too slowly...creating a “lag” in the first few feet of the heeling pattern? Does the dog not respond at all? Is there a bump as the dog crowds the handler? Does the dog go wide, wander out and back, or side wind? These are some of the things that the judge looks for and must judge and mark in an instant. Remember that heel position is defined as the dog’s head to shoulder area being in line with the handler’s hip. For a Newfie...that is a relatively large area...but, for a toy dog, it can be a matter of a couple of inches. Even though a dog may maintain heel position, it may be marked for an inconsistent heel position, or a lack of willingness and enjoyment. Is the dog lagging a few inches and trying to keep up, or dragging along 10 feet behind the handler? Or, does the dog forge, a little, a lot, or run around out of control.???

Is the leash consistently tight, giving the impression that the dog is being dragged through the ring? Or, is there at least a little bend in the leash—creating a half loop from the clip to the rest of the lead, indicating that the dog is choosing to respond to the heel command and is not being “forced” into doing so?

"The principal feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team. Orders for this exercise are: "Forward," "Halt," "Right turn," "Left turn," "About turn," "Slow," "Normal" and "Fast." "Fast" means that the handler must run, and the handler and dog must move forward at a noticeably accelerated speed."

Fast means FAST, folks. Slow means S...L...O...W. In the Fast, the dog as well as the handler must accelerate...that means the handler jumping up and down in and exaggerated fashion or elongating the stride...but not changing speed or actually going slower do not count as a fast. Failure to exhibit a fast is a substantial penalty. Again, in the Slow, there must be a difference between the normal and slow pace and another change back to the normal...remembering that the whole performance should be done briskly.

Sits are judged for crookedness, forging, lagging, and overall quality. The rule of thumb is for a 3 point deduction for a NO Sit, and half a point for a slightly crooked sit...with the severity of the “wrongness” of the sit dictating the scores in between ½ point and the 3 point penalties.

The judge has a lot to look at and score in the Heel On Lead exercise and has to note errors immediately. Do not make the judge think or slow the judge down. Know the rules and follow them. In this exercise, overall, the judge is looking for a “team” performance. The team has to be playing the same game. If the dog is working independently of the handler and making its own choices of where to be and when with many No Sits, the chances of qualifying are slim. A smooth “team” performance, with a dog and handler moving together in a coordinated fashion, walking briskly and naturally on a loose lead is a joy to behold and will certainly earn a high score with few deductions.

Great heeling until next time...Suzanne Hemminger

Homemade Dog Treat Recipe

Peanut Butter Puppy Poppers for Valentine's Day

2 cups whole-wheat flour

1 tbsp. baking powder

1 cup peanut butter (chunky or smooth)

1 cup milk

Preheat oven to 375°F. In a bowl, combine flour and baking powder. In another bowl, mix peanut butter and milk, then add to dry ingredients and mix well. Place dough on a lightly floured surface and knead. Roll dough to 1/4 inch thickness and use a cookie cutter to cut out shapes. Bake for 20 minutes on a greased baking sheet until lightly brown. Cool on a rack, then store in an airtight container. --- Check after 15-17 minutes as cookies burn easily and oven temps vary.

Tempting Training Treats

Ingredients:

2 1/3 cups flour -- all-purpose or whole wheat

1/4 cup olive oil

1/4 cup applesauce

1/2 cup grated cheese -- like parmesan

1 large egg

1 teaspoon garlic powder

1/4 cup powdered milk -- non-fat

Instructions:

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl; mix well; Roll the dough out to size of a cookie sheet; Pat the dough onto a lightly greased cookie sheet, bringing it to the edges. Using a sharp knife or a pizza cutter, cut desired sizes into dough (just score through). If you're using as training treats, cut them into small pieces; Sprinkle a little extra cheese and garlic powder if desired on dough for flavor. Bake in a 350 degree oven about 15 minutes until golden brown. Turn off the oven and let cool for a few hours; They will keep hardening the longer you leave them. Break them apart; store tightly covered or in the freezer.





BRAGS!!

U-CH, UCDX Rosewood Little Giant UD, RA, CGC ("Tito")

Winner's Dog

Barb Gibson

Tito took a 3-point major on Saturday, 12/19/09 at the Skokie Valley Kennel Club Dog Show.

CAN CH UAG Jetoca's Changin' Attitude at Lotto RN, CGC, TT and Junior handler Gabby.

Gabby and Cara got their first Agility title!!

Please email your "Brag" to landolincolngrc@yahoo.com!!!

Puppy Referral Program

We will have a list of members who are willing to help the public with education and information about the Golden Retriever and answer questions regarding puppies. These members have agreed to the Land O' Lincoln Code of Ethics, have bred Golden Retrievers and are or have been exhibitors. These members will be listed on our website.

To be a member of the Puppy Referral Program, breeders must agree to the Land O' Lincoln Code of Ethics, pay a fee of \$50 per year and be available to answer questions. We will be listing litters on our website and in the Newsletter. To list a litter the charge is \$5 per litter per month.



Litter Listings

**Grasslands Golden Retrievers
has puppies available.**

Call: Suzanne Hemminger (815) 478-0131

**Mark Rusley
has puppies (males)**

Sire: Guldakra's Ivan Lendl

**Dam: CH Wood Duck Back In Time JH OA OAJ VC
whelped 12/25/09**

For information: (847) 458-1961

Land O Lincoln Golden Retriever Club

Presents

It's

First AKC Sanctioned Specialty B Conformation Match for Golden Retrievers For Members Only

Come Join the Fun. Open to all members of Land O Lincoln Golden Retriever Club. Puppy classes start at 3-months of age. Any Golden Retriever without major points (3 or more won at one AKC show) is eligible to participate.

Date: Saturday, February 6, 2010

Place: Grasslands Kennels

..... 11720 W. Offner Rd
..... Peotone, Illinois 60468

Questions on the match? Call Suzanne Hemminger: 815 478 0131

Time 10:00 AM No grooming area provided. Please groom your dogs at home. Crating area provided.

Directions to Match

From the Northwest I 355 South to I-80. I-80 East to La Grange Road (Rt. 45).. Then LaGrange Road south to Offner Road. Turn West on Offner Road to 11720 W. Offner. Large beige pole building with a green roof on the right side.

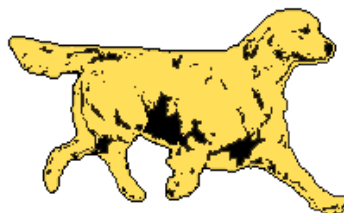
From the North I 294 South to I-80. I-80 West to La Grange Road (Rt. 45). Turn left on LaGrange Road and drive south to Offner Road. Turn West on Offner Road to 11720 W. Offner. Large beige pole building with a green roof on the right side.

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Mail Entries to Match Secretary:

Lynne Hlavek
1000 Donald Court
New Lenox, Illinois xxxx

Pre Entries \$7.00 Gate Entries \$8.00



Mail to: **Match Secretary** _____ **Lynne Hlavek, 1000 Donald Court**
New Lenox, Illinois XXXXX

AKC Sanctioned B Conformation Match

Please Check I am a member of Land O Lincoln Golden Retriever Club.

Breed: Golden Retriever Sex: Male Female

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Puppy Dogs 3-6 Mos. | <input type="checkbox"/> Puppy Bitches 3-6 Mos. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Puppy Dogs 6-9 Mos | <input type="checkbox"/> Puppy Bitches 6-9 Mos. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Puppy Dogs 9-12 Mos | <input type="checkbox"/> Puppy Bitches 9-12 Mos. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dogs 12-18 Mos | <input type="checkbox"/> Bitches 12-18 Mos. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American-Bred Dogs | <input type="checkbox"/> American-Bred Bitches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bred By Exhibitor Dogs | <input type="checkbox"/> Bred By Exhibitor Bitches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open Dogs | <input type="checkbox"/> Open Bitches |

Entries close at 10:00AM on Saturday, February 6, 2010

Class...Check One

Full Name of Dog _____ Call Name _____

AKC Registration Number _____ Date of Birth _____

Born USA Other

Breeder Sire Dam

\$ 7.00 Pre Entry 1st Class / \$ 5.00 Pre Entry 2nd Class **Total Enclosed:** _____
\$ 8.00 and \$ 6.00 at the gate.

Actual owners _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ zip _____

Check here; I have read this agreement and agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this event. I agree to hold harmless, the AKC, Land O Lincoln Golden Retriever Club, Grasslands, and Suzanne and Thomas Hemminger. I certify and represent that the dog entered in this event is not a hazard to any person or other dog.

Signature: _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Email: _____ Tel: _____

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First AKC Sanctioned Specialty OB Obedience Match for Golden Retrievers

Come Join the Fun. Open to all owners of Golden Retrievers.

Date: Saturday, February 6, 2010

Place: Grasslands Kennels

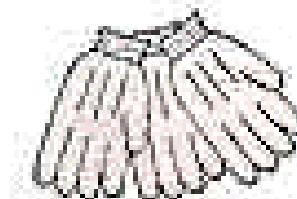
..... 11720 W. Offner Rd
..... Peotone, Illinois 60468

Questions on the match? Call Suzanne Hemminger: 815 478 0131

Time 1:00 PM (Or following the Conformation Match)

Directions to Match

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Mail to: Match Secretary Suzanne Hemminger 11720 W. Offner Rd
Peotone, Illinois 60468

AKC Sanctioned OB Obedience Match

Breed: Golden Retriever

Sex: Male Female

1st Class Circle One:

Novice A

Novice B

Open A

Open B

Utility A

Utility B

Additional Class _____

..... Entries close at 1:00PM Saturday, February 6, 2010

\$ 7.00 Pre Entry 1st Class / \$ 5.00 Pre Entry 2nd Class **Total Enclosed:** _____

\$ 8.00 and \$ 6.00 at the gate.

Full Name of Dog _____ Call Name _____

AKC Registration Number _____ Date of Birth _____

Born USA Other

Breeder _____

Sire _____

Dam _____

Actual owners _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ zip _____

Check here; I have read this agreement and agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this event. I agree to hold harmless, the AKC, Land O Lincoln Golden Retriever Club, Grasslands, and Suzanne and Thomas Hemminger. I certify and represent that the dog entered in this event is not a hazard to any person or other dog.

Signature: _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Email: _____ Tel: _____

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

December 13, 2009

Land O' Lincoln Golden Retriever Club General Meeting, at Nancy's Pizza, Mokena, IL

Attendees: President, Pat Berger, Vice President, Susan Willoughby, Carolyn McGuire, Secretary/Treasurer, Suzanne Hemminger, Parliamentarian, Lynn McNally, Marion Kogut, Char Sorrentino, Lynn Hlavek, Barb Gibson, Mary Ellen Naumczik

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 pm by Pat Berger.

The minutes from the June 17, 2009 meeting were read by Carolyn McGuire. The minutes were approved as presented by Barb Gibson, seconded by Lynn Hlavek, vote was unanimous.

The treasurer's report was read by Carolyn McGuire. It was moved by Susan Willoughby to accept the treasurer's report as read, seconded by Lynn McNally, vote was unanimous.

Committee Reports

We have committees to work on various things. Sign-up list presented for various areas for members to get involved in (Obedience, Puppy Referral, Education, WC/WCX, etc).

Public Education

Report submitted by Char Sorrentino. Puppy programs and clinics are required (and needed) to educate the public and try to draw them in to the various programs offered in the area. Possible use of Stone City Kennel Club or have a table set up at Stone City during their Open House. We could include all dogs, including mixed breeds. Possibility of also holding a stand alone event. We could zero in on goldens first.

We will amend the by-laws & return them to AKC for review after we receive the letter from AKC indicating what changes need to be made"

We want to encourage all LOLGRC members to become GRCA members. We need to get the book for GRCA going so that we can get approval for GRCA "provisional" status.

New Business

STAR Puppy Program – we have AKC approval. Would be for dogs 10 weeks – 1 year old.

Marion Kogut won the 2009 Challenge Trophy

Questions from Members

Can we do anything north of I80? Events must be south of I80. Is Paw Powers in our territory? Yes, they are in Newton County in Indiana.

Can our territory be listed in the newsletter? Yes, we will do this in the future.

Will we be doing any tracking events? Yes, once we're recognized by GRCA. We do need someone who can handle this type of event and a place with lots of acreage. Not many clubs offer this event.

Brag

Susan Willoughby's, Miracle, received her 1st UDX leg. Barb Gibson's, Tito, got another point in the breed ring. Pat Berger's, Cara, received 2 AG1 legs with her junior handler Lynn McNally's, Ranger, received his UDX11 title

Miscellaneous

Michael Faulkner will present an Educational clinic on handling and grooming for us in August 2010.

Earl Thomas could also present a program.

Sanctioned "B" Match possible date of 1/24/10

CCA – need to have provisional status first before we can proceed

Lynn McNally mentioned that Stone City Kennel Club will be hosting a heart worm clinic, CGC and TDI testing in March 2010. This is open to the public and we could encourage people to join LOLGRC. We could also have newsletters and membership applications available at this event to encourage people to join our club.

Thanks to Susan Willoughby for donating dog biscuits for all club members in attendance.

Thank you to Suzanne Hemminger for providing the pizza party for all members in attendance.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:27pm. Moved by Suzanne Hemminger to adjourn, seconded by Pat Berger, vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn McGuire



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



We will be spotlighting a Golden Retriever, from time to time, who merits special recognition. Please email us your Golden Retrievers achievements in any endeavor so we can include these accomplishments in our newsletter.

This issue we spotlight:

CAN CH UAG Jetoca's Changin' Attitude at Lotto RN, CGC, TT and Junior handler Gabby

"Gabby" (Gabby Roberts) and "Cara" started training for agility just a few months ago and earned their first title in no time at all. We are very proud of them both!!!

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