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Christmas cake award went to Roszanna Frankowski and Bonnie!



PLEASE NOTE: NEW ACCOMPLISHMENT RECORDER – KATHY FERTAL

Effective January 1, 2016, Kathy Fertal is assuming the role of Accomplishment Recorder. Please send your award forms and certificates to fertalkm@verizon.net. or send to :

909 Ruth Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15243

EVENT DATES FOR 2016

HUNT TEST	MAY 21 and 22
CONFORMATION SPECIALTY	June 22 through 24
AGILITY TRIAL	July 22 through 24

2016 General Meeting Snack Sign Up

Folks who signed up to bring snacks for the General Meetings, will find the schedule below. We should have two members per meeting bringing a snack. There are still several openings at meetings. Please fill the empty slots and let Anne Pittman know when you can bring something.

February - club will be providing pizza
March - Sally Dines and Barb Schurman
April – Chris Killiles and Stephanie Day
May – John and Vicki Osheka
June - June Clark and Sheryle Long
July -
August - Roseanna Frankowski
September -
October - Candy Verduce
November – Billie and Bonnie Loya

HOUSEHOLD MEDICATIONS FOR PETS

**The following is a list of common household human medications that can be used on pets.

**These medications can be extremely useful if you can't reach a veterinarian immediately.

Product	Common Usage	Canine Dosage	Feline Dosage
Benadryl	Treats allergies, itching, etc.	1/2 mg per lb. Every 8 hours. Maximum Dosage 2 mg per lb.	1/2 mg per lb. Every 8 hours. Maximum Dosage 2 mg per lb.
Buffered Aspirin	Pain relief/anti-inflammatory	5 mg per lb. Every 12 hours.	Not Recommended!
Digel Liquid	Antacid & anti-gas	Up to 4 tbs. Every 8 hours.	Up to 2 tbs. Every 8 hours.
Dramamine	Reduces motion (car) sickness	Up to 50 mg. Every 8 hours.	Up to 10 mg. Every 8 hours.
Epinephrine 1:1000	Treats reactions following medications, insect stings, and bites	1/10 to 1/2 ml. Intramuscular or subcutaneously.	1/10 to 2/10 ml. Intramuscular or subcutaneously.
Hydrogen Peroxide (3%)	Used to induce vomiting after accidental ingestion of poisons.	10 ml by mouth. Every 15 minutes.	10 ml by mouth. Every 15 minutes.
Imodium AD	Relieves diarrhea	1 ml per lb. Every 8 hours.	Not Recommended!
Kaopectate	Relieves diarrhea	1 ml per lb. Every 2 hours.	1 ml per lb. Every 2 hours.
Mineral Oil	Eliminates constipation	Up to 4 tbs. Daily.	Up to 2 tbs. Daily.
Pepto Bismol	Diarrhea, anti-vomiting, gas	1 tsp per 5 lbs. Every 6 hours.	Not Recommended!
Tylenol	DO NOT USE!!!	DO NOT USE!!!	DO NOT USE!!!

Straight out and Back Part I

Posted by [Peter Frost: Top Dog Handling](#) July 12, 2014
[Home](#)



This apparently simple maneuver can waste your entry money in 30 seconds or less.

In this series, I look at this crucial element of ringcraft in order to maximise your competitive potential.

Showing dogs requires presenting our dogs to the judge in a number of maneuvers to illustrate how their structure compares to their breed standard. Of all the maneuvers that we as handlers are asked to perform, the ‘straight out and back’ seems the easiest and simplest to carry out. What could be simpler? Just run the dog over to the fence and back again. Nothing to it!

The problem is, and what many handlers forget to remember, is that the straight up and back tells the judge just about everything they need to know (aside, of course, from the dog’s side gait) about how you’re dog is structured in terms of its conformation.

When your dog is going away from the judge, it reveals how the rear section of your dog works, where the rear legs place on the ground, whether they move straight or cow-hocked (the point of hock of each leg pointing inwards), or splaying to dissipate the ground. It also shows if your dog drives to the optimal standard required by its breed by showing a full view of the pads of each foot. It also demonstrates whether your dog is in control of its front by revealing if the elbows can be seen when the dog is moving away.

That’s quite a lot of information that the judge is able to appraise in terms of the structural and functional performance of your dog in one simple maneuver, isn’t it?

But wait, there's more.

When you reach the fence and turn around to go back, another set of circumstances present themselves to the judges. The judge can see how your dog's front section works while gaiting. If there are any weaknesses, such as turning in or out at the pasterns, tucking in or splaying out at the elbow, or if the dog lacks depth of chest and therefore nothing to keep the elbows out, or the opposite, too much chest and pushing the elbows out, all of these will indicate to the judge any structural inefficiencies of your dog. Also, on the return, the judge can observe the head carriage (showing breed attitude) and, coming to a halt, the front feet placement.

Not bad for just running over to the fence and back.

But would you believe that this one maneuver causes us more grief than any other?

You know that when you pull one way you actually make your dog pull the other – right? So if your dog is subjected to any sideways pressures through the lead it does not move truly but splays its feet in an effort to counteract the pressure of your pulling. So what the judge observes in your straight up and back is not the true dog but a man-made version created by you, the handler. What's funny about this is that when the judge awards another dog the blue ribbon you leave the ring complaining, "How couldn't the judge not awarded my dog"? But you didn't see what the judge saw. You didn't see your dog scrambling to control its balance and, as a result, not moving to its best and most natural potential.

To avoid this happening during your up and back, run your dog on a loose lead – not a tight one. This way your dog won't be trying to counter balance itself. Allowing you to present the judge with your dogs true movement.

It's as simple as that.

Do you have trouble running smoothly alongside your dog in your up and backs? Is so, what do you think the problem is?



BUTLER DOG TRAINING ASSOCIATION

INVITE YOU TO OUR
OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY JANUARY 17

1:00PM-4:00PM

1017 EVANS CITY ROAD

RENFREW

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 1:15 Members Class
- 1:30 Competition Obedience
- 1:45 Rally
- 2:00 Freestyle
- 2:15 Agility
- 2:30 RIBBON CUTTING
- 2:45 Aglilty
- 3:00 Members Class
- 3:15 Rally
- 3:30 Competition Obedience
- 3:45 Freestyle

REFRESHMENTS

DEMOS

RAFFLES

STUMP THE TRAINER



THERAPY DOG AND CANINE GOOD CITIZEN INFO



MEET THE MEMBERS

PLEASE NO DOGS

www.butlerdogtraining.com

CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

Valentine's Day Party

Please consider joining us at the 9th annual Valentine's Day party on February 13th 2016. See flyer for further information!

9th Annual GPGRC Valentine's Day Party



When: February 13th 2016

10:30-11:30 – Visiting

11:45 Lunch and Gifts!

*Club members eat after residents

Where: Holy Family Manor

301 Bellevue Road

Pittsburgh Pa 15229

Dogs are welcome at this event; dogs need to be friendly and controlled!

Please RSVP by February 5th to Darlene McGowan. Lunch reservations are **required** payable in cash at the event (\$5 per person)

Contacts: Darlene and Kaitlynn McGowan
DGM5861@msn.com (412) 825-4088
Kaitlynnmcgowan@icloud.com

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

At the 2016 annual Valentine's Day Party for the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, we will be presenting each resident with a gift. This event is an opportunity to brighten the lives of the residents. If you have never had the opportunity to attend this event, we strongly encourage you to do so. This event is also a way for the club to thank them for the use of their facility as our monthly meeting site.

Kaitlynn and I are so excited to plan this event and would appreciate any and all cash donations to make this event a success.

Donations can be sent to Darlene McGowan 481 Eastview Drive, North Huntingdon, Pa 15642.

Reminder:

**Membership renewal is due by March 1, 2016.
Renewal form is provided below for your convenience.**

GREATER PITTSBURGH GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB

Member Renewal Form

I hereby apply to renew my membership in the Greater Pittsburgh Golden Retriever Club (GPGRC) for the 2016 calendar year, and I agree to continue abiding by the Bylaws of GPGRC and the American Kennel club (AKC).

Please check and sign the appropriate spaces.

Signature

Regular Member – First Adult \$25 _____

Regular Member – Second Adult \$13 _____

Associate Member – First Adult \$15 _____

Associate Member – Second Adult \$8 _____

Junior Member \$1 _____

Membership renewals are due and payable on or before March 1 of each year.

Membership will be terminated automatically on May 1 of each year if renewal is not received.

Make checks payable to GPGRC. Send completed form with payment to:

Shirley Koper
169 William Circle
McKees Rocks, PA 15136
412-771-1995

The Golden Gait Newsletter is delivered via the Club's website.

To receive the newsletter in hardcopy format via the USPS, there is a \$20 yearly fee.

I wish to receive the newsletter in hardcopy and have enclosed an additional \$20.

Mark your calendars for the first GPGRC General Meeting of 2016

For a special presentation on

The use of PennHIP vs. OFA Hip X-rays For the screening of hip dysplasia

Given by

Dr. Melissa George

At 7:30 pm

Feb. 18, 2016

Holy Family Manor Auditorium

West View, PA

Dr. Melissa George, is from the Pittsburgh area, where her extended family still resides. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Bioscience from Penn State. She then graduated from veterinary school at University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine in Philadelphia in 1998.

Dr. George began working at Bradford Hills Veterinary Hospital in 2001. She has a special interest in orthopedic disease diagnosis and management and is certified to complete **PennHIP** study for screening of hip dysplasia and VetStem stem cell therapy for osteoarthritis. Among other surgeries, Dr. George performs surgical repair of cranial cruciate ligament injury using lateral suture method for dogs under 50 lbs. She is also interested in chronic disease management.

Golden Retriever Club of America (GRCA)

All Golden lovers are encouraged to join our Parent Club, GRCA. The *GR News* is published bi-monthly by the GRCA and contains educational articles, provides a forum for issues of interest to Golden owners, highlights Golden accomplishments and contains correspondent columns from the Member Clubs across the country. Contact the Editor for more information.

GREATER PITTSBURGH GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB (GPGRC)

- Member club of the Golden retriever Club of America, Inc. (GRCA)
Master National Retriever Club (MNRC)
Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs, Inc. (PFDC)
- Licensed by the American Kennel Club (AKC) for Conformation Shows and Obedience, Rally and Agility Trials and Hunt Tests.

General Membership Meeting is held the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Membership applications are available from the Membership Chairperson. Attendance at two Club functions (one being a General Membership Meeting) and endorsement of two Club Members is required before an application can be accepted. Dues are: Regular Membership (individual) - \$25.00, a second adult – an additional \$13.00. Associate Membership (individual) - \$15.00, a second adult – an additional \$8.00. Junior Membership - \$1.00. Completed applications and dues are to be submitted to the Membership Chair.

Newsletter is posted monthly on the Club's Website at www.gpgrc.org. Club members may request printed, mailed copies of the *Golden Gait* for a fee of \$20 per year. Litter advertisements are accepted from Club Members only on a space available basis. (Fees are full page - \$10; half page - \$5; quarter page - \$2.50.) Refer to the Puppy Referral Policy and Breeder Code of Ethics for required clearances.

In summary, puppy referral is a service provided to GPGRC Members only. (1) Both sire and dam must be two years of age or older at the time of breeding; (2) copies of eye clearances within one year of breeding must be supplied; and (3) an OFA numbers for hips and elbows must be submitted. Also hearts must be evaluated by an approved veterinary cardiologist.

Acceptance and use of the information provided by GPGRC constitutes an acknowledgment that the user hereby releases and indemnifies the GPGRC and its Officers, Directors, Members and Agents from any and all liability and damages sustained by the user as a result of any information obtained from this organization.

Title/Award Record Form should be filled out and sent to the Accomplishments Recorder for all Conformation, Obedience, Tracking, Agility, Rally, Field Events or Community Service Events before they can be reported in the Newsletter.

If you have any matters you would like the Board to consider, contact the President, John Osheka, at 412-977-3870.

Monthly Meeting

The monthly meetings are held at the Sisters of Holy Family of Nazareth, 301 Bellevue Rd 15229. Meeting begins at 7:30 P.M. Guests are Welcome!

Directions from I-279: Take exit 12 toward US 19/Perrysville Ave. At Perrysville Avenue, turn left. Go approximately .8 mile and turn left onto Bellevue Road (Sunoco Station on corner). Go approximately .5 mile and turn right to stay on Bellevue Road. End at 301 Bellevue Road. Entrance to complex is one way. Sign will direct you to building. Yellow brick building behind large red brick building is the meeting place. There is an open parking lot or 2 deck parking garage available.

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Please email me pictures of your dogs which I can use in future issues. sallydines4120@gmail.com

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