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GMHR Scout's Ada Mae MH, WCX (3/6/04 to 4/4/20)

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Welcome New members!

ON THE COVER

Todd Clickner recently lost Ada who just turned 16 in March
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www.grccny.org

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<https://www.facebook.com/GRCCNY/>

NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of Golden Tales will be July 2020
Deadline for submission of articles is July 10, 2020

Where to Send It ... For

Golden Tales - Website -Golden Retriever News

All members are encouraged to contribute and submit material.
Send to Kari Mickinkle kmickinkle@gmail.com:
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

Activity and Event Leaders

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Calendar of Events

May

June

14- Fun Day (details TBA)

July

10 - Golden Tales deadline

17-19 Suzanne Clothier seminars

August

September

12 - WC/WCX @ Echoewood

17 - General meeting 7 PM @ Liverpool Fire Department

Ask the Vet Panel

October

10 - Golden Tales deadline

15 - Annual meeting and election 7pm

@ Liverpool Fire Department

18 - Eye and Heart Clinic @ Village Vet 10am-2pm

Note: Nationals in Ocala, FL - "20/20 Vision - Enjoy the View"

(October 16-28)

November

1- Deadline for Title applications and Award nominations

December

13 - Annual Club banquet & brief general meeting

1:00pm @ The Brewster Inn

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



Good Dog TIPS

When bringing a new puppy into your home, with other animals, you can start the introductions early.

Rub a towel, coat or blanket on your other animals and take it with you when you visit the puppy.

Then, before you leave, wrap the puppy up in whatever you took and take the smell of the puppy home.

When the big day comes to bring your new puppy home, everyone already knows each others smells.

It is just one small way to help with the transition.



President's Message

Hello Golden friends,

We never could have imagined the pandemic we are all living through. Thank goodness for our Goldens, especially in these stressful times, who provide us with comfort and smiles.

I hope that everyone finds time in their day to play with, train with and hug your dogs. Mine are, as I'm sure are many, aware that something is very wrong and as they provide support they also look for comfort. Now that our snow seems to have gone and we look forward to spring and renewal in so many ways, take some time (if you are able) to walk. It's great for you and your dog. Our dogs even bring smiles to others when they see us out at a distance.

Although things are uncertain, right now, we still need to look ahead with hope and have things to look forward to. At this time, we are still hopeful for a Fun Day. Suzanne Clothier is looking forward to coming in July and it is still scheduled; hopefully we will not have to make adjustments. We will hope for the best while being prepared if changes become necessary. Erik Strickland was of course postponed as is our tug toy session. The tug toys will be taught by Julie at a later date which will be great fun. Erik has been postponed until next year.

We will be taking preregistrations for the Suzanne Clothier seminar - no money, and email them to me at ckrehel@cnymail.com. This way we can get an idea of exactly where we stand. We are looking at all options and it will all work out.

I loved the sharing on our 'make me smile' email. We all have stories to share and things to be grateful for. This is a great time for you to jot down stories, games, recipes or write articles for our next newsletter. Kari is anxious to hear from you.

On a sad note, I want to let all of you who have not yet heard that the Golden Retriever Rescue of Central NY is disbanding. After many years of providing such a wonderful service to the community and our Golden breed, we will miss this wonderful organization. In recent years, and with changing times, the number of rescues and volunteers has dwindled. Thus GRRCNY has begun its exit plan. We thank you GRRCNY! We hope to see many of you at GRCCNY.

In closing, I am thinking of all of you and your families – including the furry kids and wishing you all health and peace.

We will get through this and have an even greater appreciation for each other and our Goldens.

Stay safe!

Carol and Murphy & Duffy too



Duffy and Murphy

WC/WCX and a little history

By Maxine Clark

We all know that the Golden Retriever originated in Scotland in the late 1800's and started appearing in the United States some years before their official recognition by the AKC in 1932. In 1938, the Golden Retriever Club of America was incorporated stating the object of the club being the Golden Retriever as a gun dog. It took them 26 years to establish a club field title. The first WC was held at the Nationals in 1964 with an entry of 8 dogs, 4 passed. In 1978, 14 years later, the first WCX was held, hosted by the Long Island GRC. Of the 11 dogs entered 6 passed. And, so began the advent of WC/WCX tests.

In 1981, our local club, GRCCNY was established. It is not known when members initially became interested in field events, but an article in GRCA News, written by Janet Dupree in 1988, mentions a field training day with Mary Fowler of Grace Farms lending her expertise on field training.

In 1990, with Ted Greenfield as Chairman and Marcia Martin as Secretary, GRCCNY held their first WC/WCX. 9 WC dogs entered, only 1 passed. There were 5 WCX dogs including Ted Greenfield's Westbrooks Momentary Lapse, Mary Hildebrandt's Comstock Sunfire Tin Emeline and 2 Les Freers dogs – 3 passed. And so began the quest for the WC/WCX title with our members.

Ted Greenfield chaired 1990 thru 1994 when Dave Tyler took over for 1995 thru 1997. Joe Martin chaired 1990 thru 2000 and Marcia Martin held the position of Secretary from 1990 thru 2000. Sallie Lennox was Marshall every year but one 1990 -2001. Kathy McCloskey and I took over the duties of Secretary and Chair in 2001 and although I took a little break, Kathy has remained since then. This year I will chair once again.

Entries have increased over the years and so has the club interest and participation. With more training days, the dog's performance has also seen great improvement. Our training day chair, Pam Fuller has added a variety of venues and last year our first live flyer day. With full entries in past years, we have come a long way. Just look at all the smiling faces in the pictures! We host nice tests and have a lot of fun. This past year all of our club members entered passed! Thank you to all of you who have worked to make this such a great success.

This will be our 30th year of WC/WCX. Let's plan something special. Hope to see all of you there!

[Thank you to Beth Greenfield and Marcia Martin for being packrats and supplying info of some of the history]



WCX 2015 Golden Retriever Qualifiers



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Golden Retriever Lifetime Study

Lifetime Study Update

The Golden Retriever Lifetime Study is now in its seventh year. It is the largest canine study of its kind in the United States. To review its purpose is “to identify the nutritional, environmental, lifestyle and genetic risk factors for cancer and other diseases in dogs”. The study enrolled 3000 + Goldens to be followed throughout their lifetimes.

Over 85% of participants have remained compliant and dedicated to the study, in an effort to better understand how to do the best for our dogs. Huge numbers of samples and data are collected and saved for future use as correlations and/or new questions to research for answers are discovered.

Meet the Member

Meet the member is a section that is intended to allow us to introduce ourselves to members that we don't get to normally interact with. Basic information, like how long you've been in the club, what type of activities you do with your dog, how many dogs you have. Other information to include would be other activities that you are involved in outside of the GRCCNY and other things such as hobbies.

Please consider doing a write up and introduce yourself to other members of the club.



Carol Krehel let us know that **Duffy**: earned RI and 2 legs in Novice obedience at SOTC

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.



COVID-19 in Pets

by Deanna Rodriguez

While health officials across the world are working to combat COVID-19, veterinarians are receiving questions from clients about their pet's safety. The following is a summary of information provided by the American Veterinary Medical Association, Center for Disease Control, and the New York State Veterinary Medical Society.

1) What is Coronavirus?

The betacoronavirus that causes COVID-19 is SARS-CoV-2. It appears to have its origin in bats. It was first detected in China and has now spread internationally.

2) How is it spread?

The disease is spread to humans through person-to-person contact with an infected person's bodily secretions--saliva or droplets from a cough or sneeze. Touching contaminated surfaces or objects and then touching one's mouth, nose, or eyes appears to be a secondary route of transmission. Smooth surface such as doorknobs and countertops transmit the virus better than porous surfaces. Porous surfaces absorb and trap the pathogen making it harder to contract through simple touch.



3) Can my pet contract the coronavirus from an infected person?

What we know about dogs

By now, we have all heard about the 17-year old Pomeranian that tested positive for COVID-19; however, not many of us know the details. On February 26, samples from the nasal and oral cavities of the Pomeranian whose owner had been diagnosed with coronavirus had tested "weak positive" on a PCR test. This suggests that a small amount of the viral RNA was present; however, it cannot distinguish whether it is from an intact infectious virus or a non-infectious virus fragment. The same test was repeated on February 28, March 2, March 5th, and March 9th, all resulting in "weak positive." Gene sequencing was performed on the swabs obtained from the Pomeranian and its infirmed owner and the viral sequences were very similar. Frequent blood tests also indicated that the dog developed an immune response to the virus. This dog did not exhibit or develop any respiratory signs. After its quarantine, the dog was released back to the care of its owner but passed away three days later. Ongoing health issues were likely responsible for this dog's death, not COVID-19.

Currently, two dogs belonging to an owner that had been infected with COVID-19 have been quarantined. One dog tested positive on PCR while the other tested negative. Neither dog has developed respiratory signs. They are still being monitored and tested.

What we know in cats

During the third week of March, there was report of a cat in Belgium, owned by a person infected with COVID-19, that had tested positive on PCR. This cat began to exhibit digestive and respiratory signs one week after its owner had returned from Italy. Because other causes for the cat's illness had not been excluded and because little is known about the positive samples (for example, method of collection), a clear link between the virus and clinical signs cannot be established. The cat improved within 9 days.

On March 31, a cat that lived in the residence of a person confirmed with COVID-19 had also tested positive. This cat is in quarantine and has not developed any clinical signs.

COVID-19 continued on page 8

What we know from the experts

Considering all testing that has been performed in pets, infectious disease experts as well as multiple human and animal health organizations agree that there is no evidence to indicate pets can spread COVID-19 to other animals, including people.

4) Is testing for coronavirus available for animals?

The popular laboratory IDEXX announced availability of a test but neither the CDC, American Veterinary Medical Association, or IDEXX is recommending testing at this time. In the United States, a collaborative decision between local, state, and federal animal and public health officials must be reached before testing. Once a decision has been made, a state-appointed veterinarian, USDA-accredited veterinarian, or a foreign animal disease diagnostician will collect the appropriate samples.

Dogs or cats with respiratory signs should be evaluated by a veterinarian for more common pathogens, before looking to evaluate them for COVID-19.

5) What special precautions should I take to protect my pet?

Apply some common-sense measures to protect yourself and your pet. Wash your hands often with soap and water. Avoid touch

ing your nose, eyes, and mouth with unwashed hands. Stay at home. If you become ill and are unable to care for your pet, please contact a person in your household that can help you. Make sure you have an emergency kit prepared with at least two weeks' worth of your pet's food and any necessary medications.

Peanut Butter and Banana Pup cakes

by Kari Mickinkle

There seem to be a lot of dog birthdays in my parents' house recently and with quarantine happening all around the world we decided to make pup cakes for the dogs. When I say we I mean I found the recipe and then convinced my mom to do it! They seem to be a real hit, lets be honest it is food and they aren't going to complain, and seemed to be easy to make, shout out to Lynn! Here's the recipe in case anyone wants to try it!

Ingredients

- 1 large egg
- 1 banana
- 1/3 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup carrots, shredded
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 1/3 cup 1-minute oats
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- creamy peanut butter, for frosting

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 350° F and line a cupcake tin with paper liners.
2. Combine the egg, banana, carrots, peanut butter, oil, honey, and vanilla in a large bowl.
3. Mix the flour, baking soda, and oats in another large bowl.
4. Combine the wet and dry ingredients together.
5. Fill the cupcake liners about 2/3 full.
6. Bake for 15-20 minutes.
7. Frost with creamy peanut butter (optional).



Adventures with Koda *by Kari Mickinkle*

Grooming is something that most, if not all, of us have to deal with regularly. At a minimum we have to trim our pups' nails but those of us with long hair Golden Retrievers have to keep them groomed. I will admit that I have not been very good at Koda's upkeep. He has extremely long hair so I should be consistent with getting him groomed but I have not been.

I keep saying that I will set up an appointment for him but I continuously put it off. His paws are one of the worst spots on him as they grow out and it looks like he is wearing slippers. I usually just trim his paws myself which helps out a little bit but he still has long hair on his tail and pantaloons which can cause issues with...you know. Thankfully I found a great grooming kit one day at Aldi.

I am always skeptical on buying things that are a little cheaper than normal but I figured for \$25 it wouldn't hurt to try it. I bought the grooming kit and decided the best place to start would be with his pantaloons. It took about 45 minutes with a lot of nos and come back heres but we finally got the job done. For being as cheap as it was the grooming kit was amazing. While there is no way I will ever become a professional groomer, it was nice to be able to clean up Koda a little bit even if he made me feel like the worst dog mom ever. The good news is that since we're all in quarantine it's okay that I'm not a professional groomer!



Koda Grooming Before

Koda Grooming After



The Makings of a Newsletter
by Kari Mickinkle and Janet Gray

The Beginning: Receiving, editing, and forwarding

Most of you only know of the newsletter when emails are sent out requesting articles and/or pictures to include or when the final product comes out. But do you know what goes into making the newsletter? It first starts with sending out emails asking for articles to contribute to the newsletter. We typically have articles that are carried on from newsletter to newsletter with some changes depending on the time of the year.

We establish a deadline that allows time for the articles to be reviewed and edited if need be before they get sent on to Janet. This also allows us time to ask for last minute articles if we don't have enough content which usually occurs. This is where I put in a shameless plug about begging you all to contribute to Golden Tales!

Once I start receiving articles, I start reviewing them. We typically put a picture in with each article, so I usually search the internet to find a funny picture to put in the article if we don't have one already. From there I start forwarding items on to Janet so she can start putting the newsletter together. Once I receive all the articles and let Janet know that I've submitted them to her is when the real magic happens!

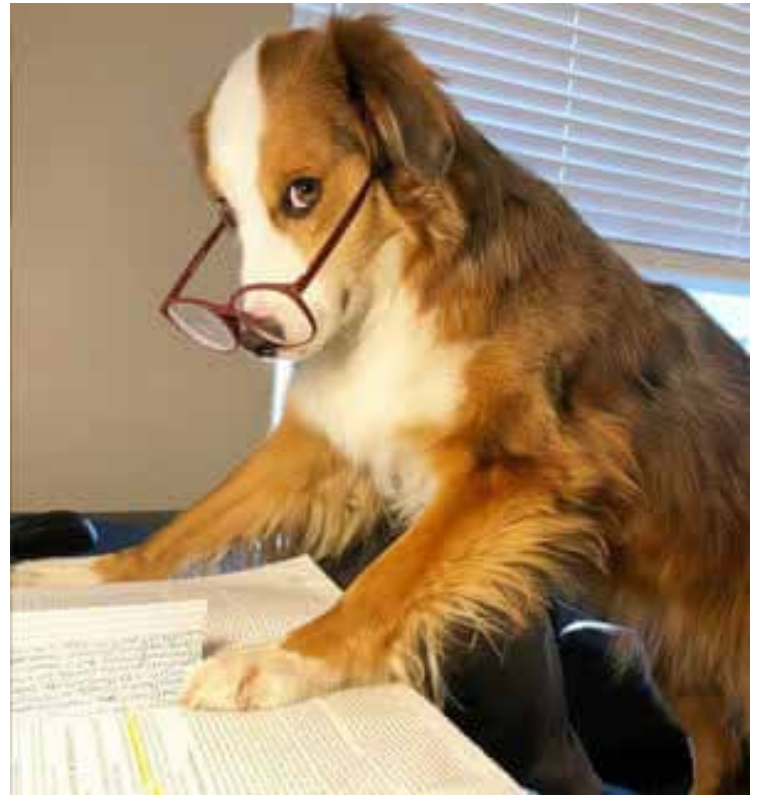
Well, I don't know about magic...but formatting, layout, editing, publish!!!

As Kari (and Carol) forward articles and pictures to me via email, I collect them in a folder on my computer. Using Adobe's InDesign, I copy the last Golden Tales issue and save as the new issue. Going through the newsletter, I delete articles and pictures, change dates on the pages and cover, move calendar items up and make any changes to lists.

Next, I look at the pictures that have been submitted. Do they need to be cropped, reformatted (some come in blurry, too small, too big.) I use PhotoShop to edit these.

The next step is copy and pasting the standard articles submitted first, then work around them with the other articles. Kind of like putting a puzzle together, I will have to move articles to different pages to make everything fit. Fortunately, unlike other newsletters I publish, Golden Tales doesn't have to be in increments of 4 pages to print.

After the puzzle is together, I will create a pdf of the newsletter and send to Kari and Carol to do a final edit. I will then make any changes they find on the InDesign original and create a new pdf for publication, send it to the club secretary and voila! It ends up in your email mailbox!



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Have You Read the Rules? - Part 2

by Todd Clickner

Judges occasionally violate rules when they set tests. This can occur when they are not familiar with the latest rule revisions, have never completely read them, or judge “by convention”.

Honoring requirements and handler conduct during the honor vary between tests (Hunt Test Rules p.23; Field Trial Rules p. 30, 31, and 33) and even between breeds in some (section 4 - WCX Rules). As a handler it is your responsibility to know which ones apply. The judges are free to place the honor dog in any position they may choose, so long as it can see the marks as they fall. Placing the honor dog to one side but ahead of the running dog is within the rules, but will result in more breaks on the honor. This honoring placement has become more frequent and is “judging by convention”.

Running from a mat is another example of “judging by convention”. The word “mat” cannot be found in any of the rule books. The published rule of “dogs must be sent from any position as specified by the judges” has come to mean inclusion of a mat as a departure point. Mats came into use as a way to stabilize the departure area in water tests where line conditions made for an unfair test for later participants due to mud and water accumulation. Their use in a land series has become more widespread as a way to judge the extent of creeping and defining a “break limit”. They are used despite of the fact they are not part of a true hunting situation.

Although “judging by convention” is not specifically addressed in the regulations, and thus not illegal, it widens the judge’s latitude in setting tests. Whether this is beneficial is a matter of opinion.



GMHR Scout’s Ada Mae MH, WCX, “Ada” in the blind

An Intro to Barn Hunt

by Julie Deking

Barn Hunt is one of the newer dog sports taking on the country by storm. It is a game in which the dog and the handler work together to find rats hidden in PVC tubes in a straw course. The dog uses his/her sense of smell to find the rat and indicate to the handler where the rat is located. The handler must recognize this indication and call "RAT" to identify the live rat tube correctly. Dogs of all breeds may compete, although watching a golden retriever in the ring always provides some good laughs, as sometimes they are just as excited to say hello to the people around the ring as they are to find the rat! Barn Hunt is also a good option for older dogs as it is not very physically demanding at the lower levels.

There are multiple levels of Barn Hunt and AKC titles that can be earned.

The first level is Novice. In Novice there are 3 tubes hidden on the course. One empty tube, 1 litter tube (rat bedding that has been used), and 1 live rat tube. The dog has 2 minutes to complete a climb (all 4 feet up onto a bale of straw), a tunnel (built into the bales of straw) and find the rat. The handler must also call "Rat" at the correct tube to identify where the live rat is located once the dog finds it (this is for every level). Once the dog achieves 3 qualifying runs, they earn a Barn Hunt Novice title and can move on to the next level.

The Open and Senior levels also each require 3 Q's to earn titles and move onto the next level. In Open there is 1 empty tube, 2 litter tubes, and 2 rat tubes. The dog must find both rat tubes, perform a climb and tunnel in 2 mins and 30 seconds to qualify. In Senior level there is 1 empty tube, 3 litter tubes, and 4 rat tubes. The dog must complete the climb, tunnel, and find all 4 rat tubes within 3 mins and 30 seconds.

At the Master level things are a little different. The course has 8 tubes placed. One to five tubes will have rats, and all tubes without rats will have litter. The dog has 4 minutes and 30 seconds to complete the climb, tunnel, and find the rats. The handler does not know how many rats are on the course for the run and must correctly indicate to the Judge when they believe their dog has found all the live rat tubes and declare the course clear of rats. The dog must have 5 qualifying runs to get the Barn Hunt Master title.

After obtaining the Barn Hunt Master title it takes 10 additional Master course qualifying runs to earn the Barn Hunt Championship Title (RATCH).

If you think all this sounds fun (IT IS!!), then watch for information about GRCCNY's Fun Day on June 14, 2020 at Central Bark in Central Square, NY where we will have a Barn Hunt demonstration, and our dogs will have a chance to try the sport (for a small fee).



Tanner at a Barn Hunt



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