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Welcome New members!

Melodie Hammond

ON THE COVER

Waynewood How Sweet It Is, "Lyla"

2/7/11-5/30/22.

Loved and missed by Kelly Mueller

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NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of Golden Tales will be October 2022
Deadline for submission of articles is October 10, 2022

Where to Send It ... For

Golden Tales - Website -Golden Retriever News

All members are encouraged to contribute and submit material.

Send to: Janet Gray:janetgray@highlandfarmskennel.com

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

Activity and Event Leaders

Awards

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CCA 2023

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Calendar of Events

2022

January

10 **Golden Tales Deadline**

February

10 **General meeting @7pm**

March

20 **OKA Match**

SOTC Building - Deere Rd Syracuse

April

4 **Salt City Specialty**
NYS Exposition Center

14 **General meeting @7pm**

May

June

9 **General meeting @7pm**

10 **Golden Tales Deadline**

July

August

11 **General meeting @7pm**

September

2-14 **GRCA National Specialty in Michigan**

11 **National WC/WCX in Michigan**

15 **General meeting @7pm**

17 **Canine Carnival**

October

9 **Eye and Heart Clinic**

10 am – 2 pm

Village Veterinary Hospital, Rt. 5 Canastota, NY

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December

Annual Holiday Banquet & Meeting

Sunday, December 4th

(Time and location TBA)

2023

CCA April 22, 2023

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



President's Message

We all have zoomed into spring and are finding out that our calendars are filling up quickly.

Anyone wanting to attend Westminster, it is again in Tarrytown NY starting June 18.

The National will be starting on September 3. It all can be live streamed on AKC TV. I enjoyed the dock diving on ESPN. I just wonder if I can live stream barn hunt and scent trials? To add to all this, a revived dog show cluster in Syracuse will launch November 11.

Our field training has started with puppies and adults enjoying the outdoors.

Volunteers are still needed, if anyone would like to organize the annual awards dinner please let us know.

Beth Greenfield, Acting President



Reminder - Field Competitors

Send me the passing/qualifying scores your dog earns this calendar year if you are interested in consideration for the Joe Mercer Award. The winning dog will be honored with an engraved plaque attached to the trophy base, and you will get to keep it for one year.

You may e-mail them to Todd Clickner at tclickner@hotmail.com or snail mail them to: 55 Weider St. Rochester, NY 14620. The winning dog will be named at the Annual Meeting, and the owner need not be present to win.



Want to know the latest on the Golden Retriever Lifetime Study?

Catch the podcast from the Morris Animal Foundation's Golden Retriever Lifetime Study where Dr. Kelly Diehl chats with Dr. Julia Labadie, Golden Retriever Lifetime Study epidemiologist, and get an update on the latest facts and figures as the Study reaches its tenth anniversary!

at: <https://www.morrisanimalfoundation.org/article/episode-44-update-on-the-golden-retriever-lifetime-study>

Watch the latest Golden Zoomies video on the Human/Animal Bond to learn about the human-animal bond and some exciting research projects on the topic. In this edition of Golden Zoomies, Jaci Gandenberger and Brian Bello from the Institute for Human-Animal Connection discuss how dogs can affect human stress levels, as well as how dogs can be used in prison therapy programs. Lindsey Braun from the Human Animal Bond Research Institute shares about their research projects as well. <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLrCRNwka1UgSV8wid9juigzob22frMFd7>



Donna Schmidt and Kathy McCloskey for qualifying and heading to Rally Invitational.

Janis Tyler and Becky Burns had litters this winter.

Lisa Mitchell and **Rook** for qualifying and being invited to the National Obedience Championship and Westminster

Sallie Lennox and **Sandy** for obtaining an RN and RI

Lyla Mueller received her SWN scent work title at the OKA scentwork trial at Clear Path for Veterans on May 13-14, 2022

Tanner, Gemstar's Lightning Strikes, owned by Julie DeKing earned his BCAT title at the SOTC trial in May

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.





What's in a title??

Julie DeKing and her boy Tanner explore the sport of **Fast Cat®**.

Fast Cat® *by Julie DeKing*

Have you ever wondered how fast your dog can actually run? If so, then you might want to try AKC's popular sport Fast CAT®. Fast CAT® (which stands for Coursing Ability Test) is a timed 100-yard dash where dogs run one at a time, chasing a lure.

To be eligible to compete your dog must be at least 12 months of age, have an AKC number (Pure bred, AKC Canine Partners, PAL, or FSS). Dogs with limited or Conditional Registrations are eligible to compete. Spayed and neutered dogs are eligible to compete, however females in season are not eligible to participate. When checking in for each trial, females will be checked to make sure they are not in season, and each dog is inspected for lameness and fitness level. If the dog shows any signs of injury or lameness they will not be allowed to run. If necessary, the inspection committee is responsible for measuring dogs to determine their height at the withers.

When competing one handler releases the dog at the start line (upon the "Tally Ho" command), and there is another handler at the end of the course who catches the dog at the finish line. Handlers are not permitted to run with a dog during an official run and must remain either at the start or finish area of the course. The dogs cannot be enticed through the course with anything other than the lure during is official run. Toys and/or treats may be used to reward the dog after they have passed the finish line.

The dogs time is calculated into MPH with the following equation:

$$204.545 = \text{MPH (round to nearest hundredth)} \\ \text{divided by the Dog's time to complete the course.}$$

Example:

A dog takes 8.11 seconds to complete the 100-yard course.

$$204.545 / 8.11 = 25.22133168 \text{ Rounded to hundredths: } 25.22 \text{ MPH}$$

A handicap system is applied to a dog's MPH to determine the number of points earned. The handicap system is based on the height of the dog at it's withers:

- 18" or greater = handicap is 1.0.
- 12" up to less than 18" = handicap is 1.5.
- Below 12" = handicap is 2.0.

Points = mph multiplied by the dog's handicap

Titles are earned by accumulating points. The following titles are awarded:

BCAT = 150 Points; DCAT = 500 points; FCAT = 1,000 points; and FCAT followed by a number (e.g. FCAT2) for every additional 500 points. These suffix titles will appear on a dog's pedigree, with a higher level title superseding a lower level title.

AKC's website lists the national rankings showing the top 20 fastest dogs by breed for a calendar year (as determined by the average speed of a dog's top three runs in that year). The top 2-3 dogs in each breed are typically invited to the AKC FastCat Invitational Event (held in Orlando in December during the AKC National Championships).

How many Golden Retrievers are enjoying "chasing the bunny", and how much has this sport grown? In 2016 the AKC lists 27 Golden Retrievers in their rankings(an average of the dog's 3 fastest runs). In 2021 there were 325 Golden Retrievers ranked.

Last year the fastest Golden Retriever's average was 29.25 mph!!! The slowest Golden Retriever's average was 13.99 MPH. And the Golden Retriever who was at the 50th percentile for the breed at #162 (my dog, Tanner oddly enough, lol!!) with an average of 23.93 MPH. Other club members who were ranked last year (sorry if I didn't include

everyone, I had to only go by registered names that I recognized) were Kathy McCloskey's Dancer at #50 with an average of 26.11 mph, and Lynn Mickinkle's Burley at #141 with an average of 24.28 mph!

So if your dog has a high prey drive, or just has a recall and will run to you at the finish line, considering giving Fast Cat® a try!! SOTC's next trial is scheduled for August 26-28, 2022. It's so much fun and the dog's love it!! Hope to see you there.

Tally Ho!!



Photos credit to JLFurtography

Tanner running the Fast Cat®



GRCCNY Members Compete in Specialty and Obedience/Rally at Salt City Cluster 2022

After a 2year layoff due to the Covid Pandemic, the GRCCNY Specialty took place at the NYS Fairgrounds Convention Center on April 2,2022. The total entry was 45 goldens.

BOB was awarded by Judge Susan Foster to CH Golden Goose Fly Away Home, owned by Amy Connor. “Ryder” had just finished his championship the day before and this was his first BOBS.

In Sweepstakes, Mary Beth Konesky awarded Nautilus Cheetos, Best in Sweepstakes and Malagold ‘s Thunderstorm Painting Best Veteran in Sweepstakes, owned and shown by club member Lee Painting.

HIT with a score of 195 was awarded to member Lisa Mitchell’s OTCH Twincreeks Chess Master at Witrin UDX. The full report will be in the Golden Retriever News. Beth Greenfield



BOB winner, Am GCH Golden Goose Fly Away Home, “Ryder”



**Best Veteran in Sweepstakes
Malagold ‘s Thunderstorm Painting**



**HIT with a score of 195
Lisa Mitchell’s OTCH Twincreeks Chess Master at Witrin UDX**



Agility

More pictures from the Specialty



Winners Bitch, Harborview Numbers Game



Winners Dog and Best of Winners.
Sheaman's All American Airborne Of Sunstruck



American Bred, Painting-Storybook Serenity Duffy R
CD RE FDC RATO DM CGCA CGCU TKP



Puppy 9-12 months, Mardovar's Purple Heart CGCA TKN

More pictures from the Specialty



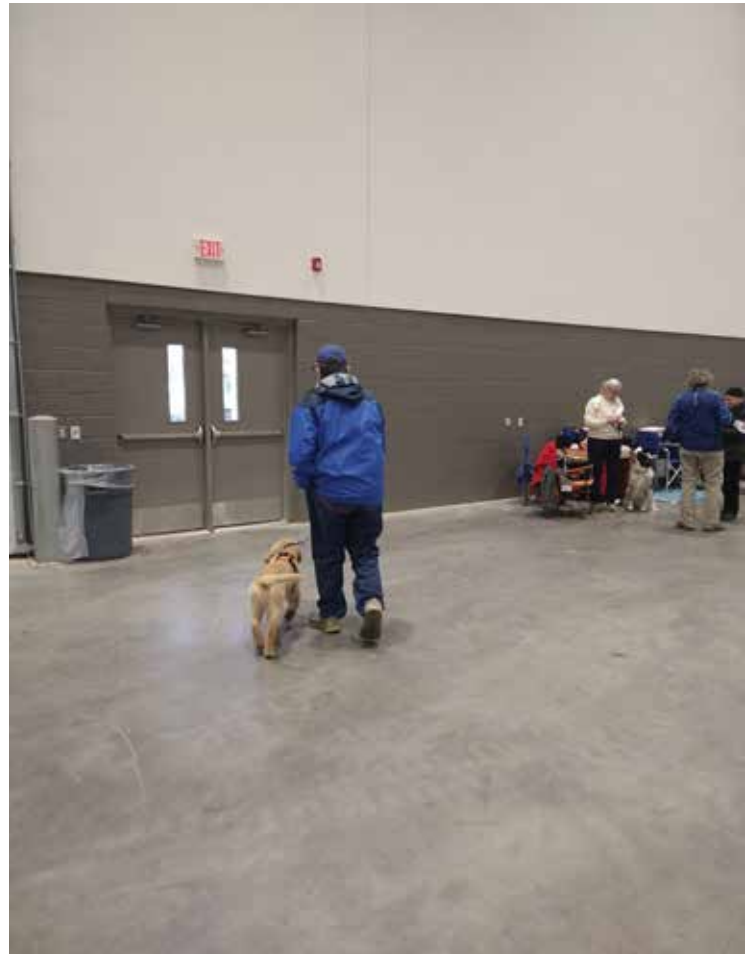
Tracker Byrns and Whisper Berry waiting to break out.



Best in Breed



Susan Foster makes her decision



Rue Chagoll and Dewey off to meet people

What is the CCA?

All information on the Certificate of Conformation Assessment program is listed on the GRCA website: <https://grca.org/?s=CCA>

General Purposes of Program: The purposes of the CCA program are to:

- (a) provide a noncompetitive means of evaluating and scoring the conformation qualities of individual Golden Retrievers against the Breed Standard (as opposed to a competitive “dog-to-dog” comparison as in dog show competition)
- (b) provide a useful and informative evaluation with verbal and recorded assessments by knowledgeable evaluators of the conformation qualities of individual Golden Retrievers
- (c) provide archived records of the completed evaluations for all Golden Retrievers that have been assessed to generate reports for historical purposes. Recognition will be based on achievement by any Golden Retriever of three qualifying scores of 75 or greater (out of a possible 100) for a CCA as assessed by three different evaluators. It is expected that many dogs that may never enter in formal conformation competition would qualify for a CCA under the program. In addition to the qualifying score of 75 or greater, certain minimum scores will be required to obtain the CCA title (explained under “Scoring”). In addition, the number of attempts to qualify will be limited to six evaluations.

The GRCCNY has been holding a CCA since the 2010s with good success. As a member of the CCA committee, we review all applications for an event, all applications for persons seeking to become an evaluator, and general discussion about policies. We have a liaison to the GRCA board, Marianne Miller.

We have sent a proposal to the board to have the CCA go paperless to make it a more efficient process. A computer program will start with a club approved CCA being registered, individual exhibitors will be entered by the event secretary, a photo of the dog will be linked to the entry, scores will be entered, and the final tally will also be entered. The evaluators will access the entry to add their score and critiques by a laptop, tablet or cell phone.

2023 will be the beta test of the program with a go live in 2024. Going electronic will reduce paperwork and costs. This might be carryover to WC/WCX tests where the individual entry is already in the GRCA system.

Any input on this big update will be greatly appreciated, JoAnne Calva is the head of the CCA jcavacca@gmail.com

Beth Greenfield

GRCCNY will hold it's CCA on April 23, 2023



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OPEN POSITIONS

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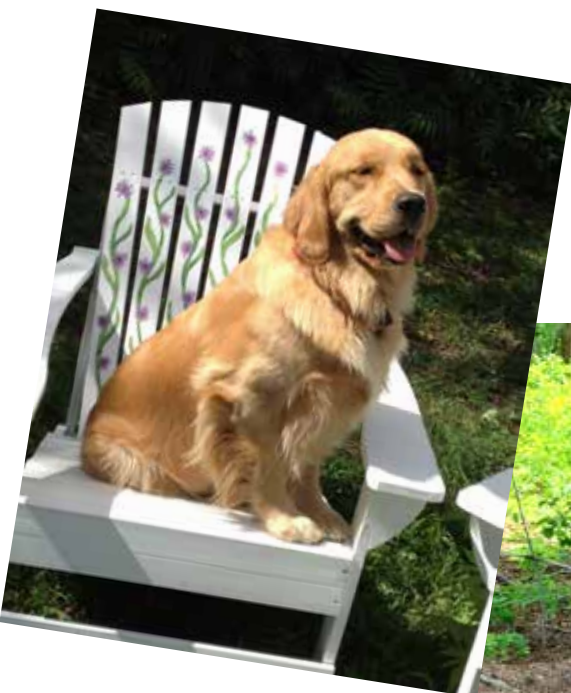
Rainbow Bridge

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.

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Lyla 2/7/11-5/30/22.**

She was an incredible dog. She was a partner to me in sickness and health. We enjoyed each other and she did share me with other dogs when she had to. She wasn't a clown she was more serious and was on point when there was a tennis ball involved. Lyla was my beauty. I don't believe I will have another with her looks and her devotion. I will always love you.

Kelly Mueller



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Who Would Want This Job?

by Rue Chagoll

Heavens no! No way! Not me! Never happen!

Such were my typical responses over the years when admirers of my Golden Retrievers asked if I were a breeder. The very thought of agonizing over a whelping – hoping and praying nothing goes wrong – gives me a shiver. Who would want this job, considering the monumental effort, preparation (and occasional heartbreak) required to begin to consider oneself a quality and responsible breeder?

Thank goodness not all Golden Retrievers think that way or I'd be a pretty lonesome fellow, with no Golden pal to train, show, pamper and adore!!

Last year I made the agonizing decision to retire my rescued Golden, Lexi, from obedience competition. She clearly wasn't enjoying herself any longer and I love her too much to inflict further torment. But *I* wasn't ready to retire, believing there's yet time in my life for one more competition teammate. I wanted a puppy.

Subsequently my partner Lisa Mitchell and I learned that fellow GRCCNY member Becky Byrns was planning a breeding – her very first. We had come to know and respect Becky over several years of trialing in obedience, and thought her to be a responsible and caring Golden person.

My curiosity as to why she chose to become a breeder led to this story. I wanted to know about the challenges, rewards and emotions she experienced through the process of a first breeding.

“I got my first Golden in 2004 and began the wonderful journey with loving, training and competing in obedience and field events with this amazing, versatile breed,” she told me. “That participation brought about a stronger interest in the breed with a slow and steep learning curve about what makes a good Golden Retriever. And drove my desire to contribute to breeding better dogs.”

Through our due diligence Becky appeared to be doing all the right “responsible breeder” things.

Her greatest challenge? “I anguished over the best sire to use,” Becky said. “I spent countless hours studying pedigrees and searching the OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals) website.”

Becky's bitch, Rayne, delivered 8 puppies – 5 boys and 3 girls – last November 29th. On January 23rd I brought home my 8-week-old pup – and named him Dewey (GreatBear Got More To Do at Witrin).

Curious about the whelping, I confessed to Becky I'd have been a bundle of nerves. Was she? Nope. “I felt well-prepared and wanted to stay calm for Rayne,” she said. “There were no tense moments or surprises. It couldn't have gone any better.”



Rayne rests on November 29 while pups take nourishment

Having little knowledge of the everyday specifics of rearing a litter, I also wanted to know more about what kind of special care and attention her pups received in the 8 weeks from whelping to adoption. The kind of stuff good breeders do, and the backyarders and puppy-millers either don't know or don't care to know. Becky said it was these activities that she found the very most rewarding.

“I handled my pups daily, doing early neurological stimulation, scent discrimination and puppy culture,” she said. “So watching them grow, learn and their personalities emerge was incredibly rewarding!”

OK, some help for this dummy please. Tell me more about these interesting-sounding exercises, I asked.

“ENS is a prescribed series of neurological exercises each puppy goes through daily from day 3 through day 16, for 3-5 seconds each step. This exposes the puppy to very slight stressors – which have an optimal effect on the developing brain and immune system: holding them gently upside down, right side up, and on their back; then on a cold surface; then placing a Q-tip between their toes.

“ESI is an Avidog concept. It exposes the puppy to one novel non-food scent daily, days 3 – 16 for 5 seconds. This stimulates the development of the nose and scenting abilities.

“The puppy culture program includes a huge variety of different lessons, such as an intro to something new every day: different noises and sensations – blow dryer, nail grinder, vacuum; and car rides, low climbing objects, interactive toys and objects. And every pup in this litter was introduced to and retrieved a real duck!”

Wow, I thought. W-O-W!!! Beyond genetics, this definitely has to be some of what aids pups from litters reared in this fashion in adapting so nicely to the human world and the myriad activities we have in store for them. This also begins to explain why my Dewey instantly recognizes Becky and goes gaga bonkers every time he meets up with her!

Next, I wanted to know how Becky screened potential homes for these kids:

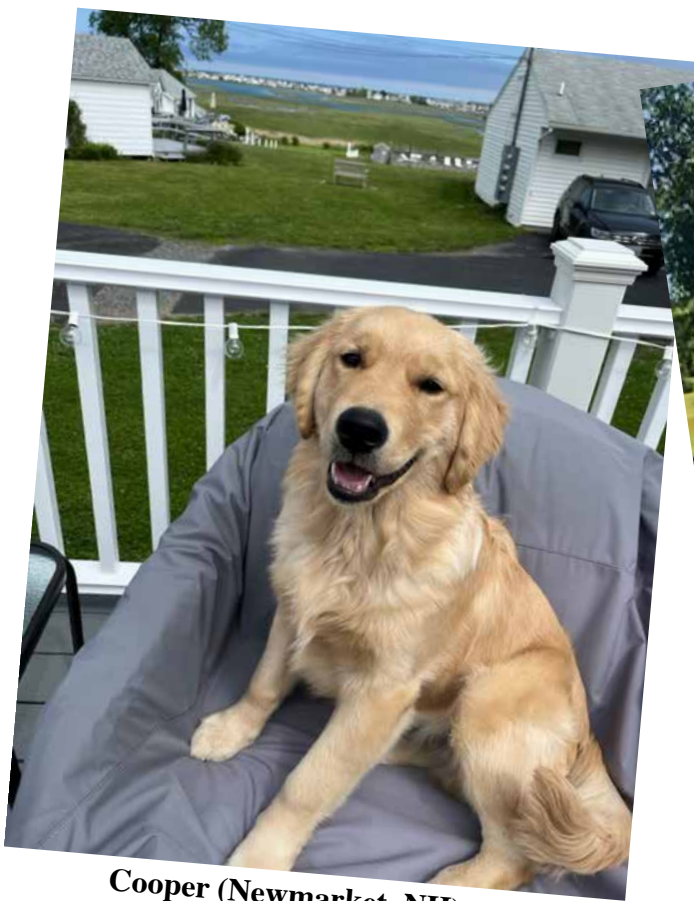
“I already knew several of the people wanting to get pups (like yours truly, and Becky's mom – Cindy Berry; and Becky also kept one for herself). The stud dog's owner was wonderful and sent me several pre-screened applicants and GRCCNY's puppy referral representative, Sallie Lennox also sent people my way. Screening was done through phone interview and questioning, Googling them and viewing Facebook profiles. I also now have an extensive puppy application file for future use.”

Some of Becky's first-bred Golden Retrievers will participate in canine sports or the very important work of canine therapy. *Every* pup in this litter will be first and foremost a much-loved family companion. All now reside in Central NY and New England: Jaeger – Syracuse, NY; Whisper – Pennellville, NY; Quill – Wakefield, NH; Ellie – Derry, NH; Tracker (Byrns) – Fulton, NY; Dewey (Chagoll) – Interlaken, NY; Cooper – Newmarket, NH; Brody – Middleport, NY.

And finally ... The Million Dollar Question: Would You Do It Again?

“ABSOLUTELY!”

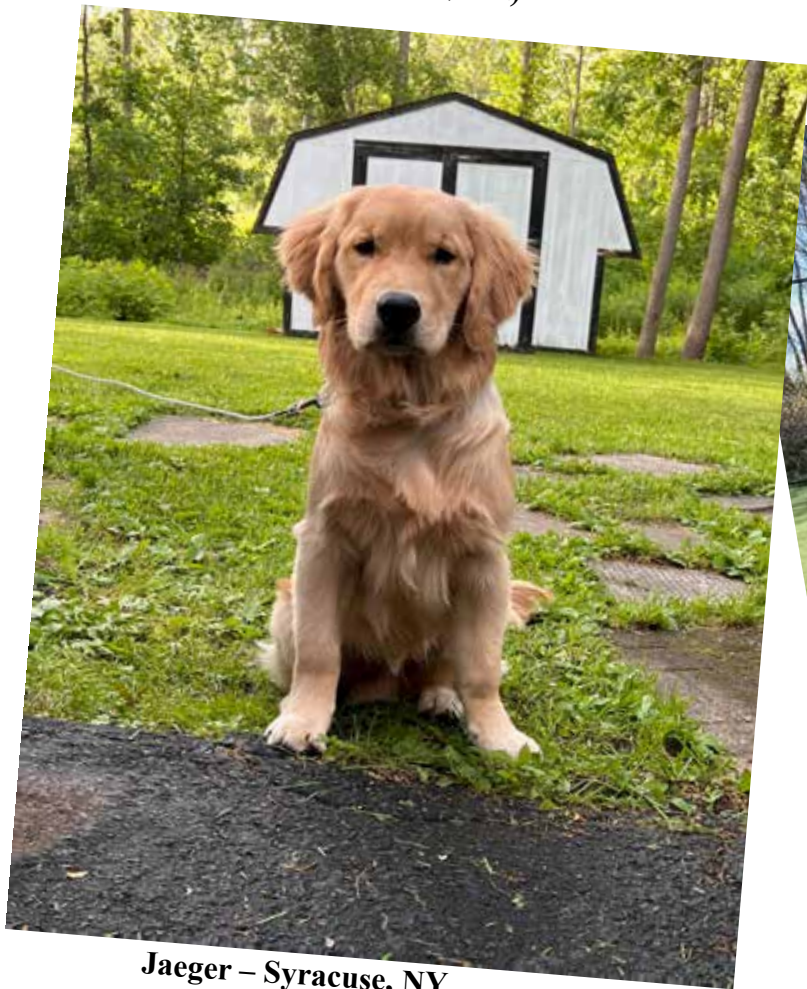
Author's note: Thanks are due Becky Byrns and the several puppy adopters who graciously furnished some very nice photographs. RC



Cooper (Newmarket, NH)



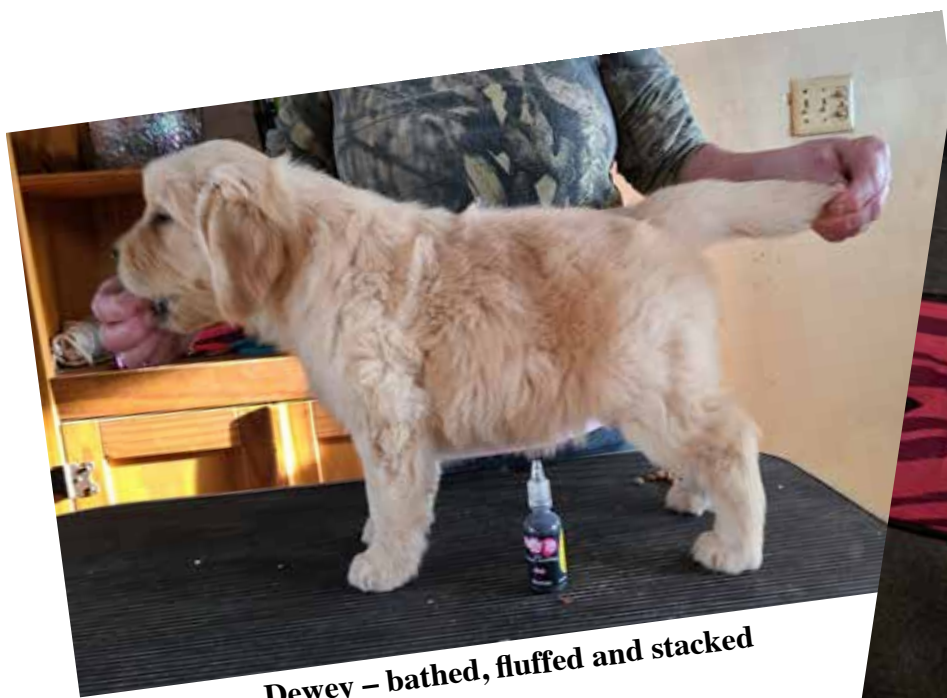
Quill (Wakefield, NH)



Jaeger – Syracuse, NY



Ellie (Derry, NH)



Dewey – bathed, fluffed and stacked



**Becky posed each 5 week old pup
(this is Dewey) for applicants to view**



Dewey after a swimming/retrieving lesson in Cayuga Lake

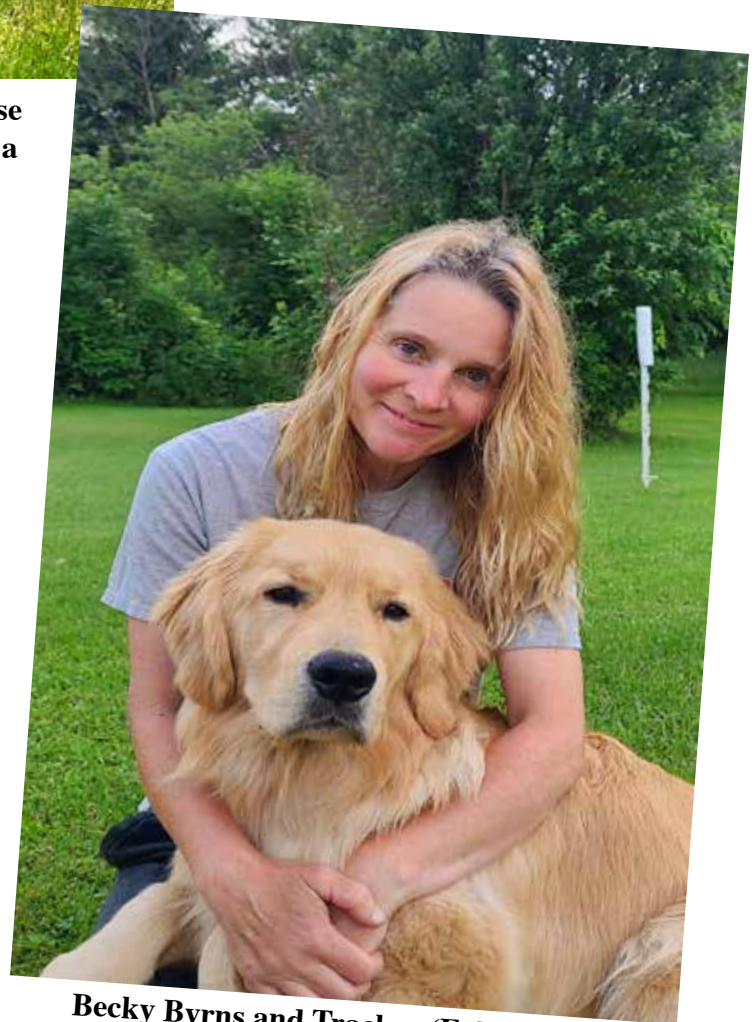
In the Snow

**Pups exercised under
Rayne's supervision
on the snowy lawn**





(L to R) Becky Byrns, Cindy Berry and Rue Chagoll pose with their new pups Tracker, Whisper and Dewey after a fun morning of GRCCNY field training at Bruce and Audrey Coleman's home May 31st.



Becky Byrns and Tracker (Fulton, NY)

2023 Trophy Awards Sponsors

This is the awards list to sponsor for the 2023 Golden Retriever Speciality. We donate to the GRCA instead of trophies. Look the list over and see which class you would like to support. Please email Kelly Mueller at kidquilter@aol.com, the class or classes you would like to sponsor. I would like to have all the classes filled out by August 2022. Please support the our favorite breed. Where to send your donation will be updated once I have an address for you to mail to.

Kelly Mueller

Golden Retriever Club of Central New York Trophy *List*

REGULAR CLASSES

- 1) Best of Breed \$50
- 2) Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed \$40
- 3) Best of Winners \$30
- 4) Winners Dog \$30
- 5) Winners Bitch \$30
- 6) Reserve Winners Dog \$25
- 7) Reserve Winners Bitch \$25
- 8) Open Dog \$25
- 9) Open Bitch \$25
- 10) American Bred Dog \$15
- 11) American Bred Bitch \$15
- 12) Bred by Exhibitor Dog \$15
- 13) Bred by Exhibitor Bitch \$15
- 14) Best Puppy \$25
- 15) 12-18 Month Dog \$10
- 16) 12-18 Month Bitch \$10
- 17) 9-12 Month Dog \$10
- 18) 9-12 Month Bitch \$10
- 19) 6-9 Month Dog \$10
- 20) 6-9 Month Dog \$10
- 21) Best Veteran \$25
- 22) Veteran Dog 8-10 years \$10
- 23) Veteran Bitch 8-10 years \$10

- 24) Veteran Dog 10 years and older \$10
- 25) Veteran Bitch 10 years and older \$10

- 26) Amateur Owner/ Handler Dog \$15
- 27) Amateur Owner/ Handler Bitch \$15

OBEDIENCE

- 28) High Scoring Golden Retriever in Trial \$50

- 29) High Scoring Golden Retriever in Novice A \$10
- 30) High Scoring Golden Retriever in Novice B \$10

- 31) High Scoring Golden Retriever in Open A \$10
- 32) High Scoring Golden Retriever in Open B \$10

- 33) High Scoring Golden Retriever in Utility A \$10
- 34) High Scoring Golden Retriever in Utility B \$10

RALLY

- 35) High Scoring Golden Retriever in Rally Novice A \$10
- 36) High Scoring Golden Retriever in Rally Novice B \$10
- 37) High Scoring Golden Retriever in Rally Advanced A \$10

- 38) High Scoring Golden Retriever in Rally Advanced B \$10
- 39) High Scoring Golden Retriever in Rally Excellent A \$10

- 40) High Scoring Golden Retriever in Rally Excellent B \$10
- 41) High Scoring Golden Retriever in Master \$10

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