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Club Purpose

The objectives of the ArkLaTex GRC are to:

1. To do all that is possible to promote the natural abilities and qualities of the Golden Retriever as described in the standard approved by GRCA and AKC.
2. To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which the Golden Retriever shall be judged.
3. To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging the adherence to both the Golden Retriever Club of America Code of Ethics and the American Kennel Club Sportsman's Code of Ethics.
4. To achieve our goal to conduct sanctioned matches and to become licensed for Specialty Shows, Companion and Performance Events under the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club.
5. To educate the Public about the Golden Retriever and responsible ownership of the Golden Retriever.
6. To provide continuing education opportunities related to Golden Retrievers and the sport of dog competitions for our membership.

ArkLaTex Golden Retriever Club Newsletter

The ArkLaTex Golden Retriever Club Newsletter is published quarterly

For information about the club, club events, new puppy referrals, and membership, visit the ArkLaTex GRC website at www.arklatexgrc.org

ArkLaTex GRC General Membership Meeting

**Saturday, October 16th
3 pm (after Goldens show)**

**Tyler Kennel Club
Canton, Texas**

**Program: Therapy Dog
Speaker: Billie Cannon
(see bio on page 2)**

Directions: From Longview and East:
IH 20 West to Exit 527 (TX-19) toward CANTON/EMORY.
Turn LEFT onto TX-19/N TRADE DAYS BLVD.
Turn RIGHT onto E DALLAS ST.
Turn RIGHT at FLEA MARKET RD.

From Dallas and West:
IH 20 East to Exit 523 (TX-64) toward WILLS POINT/CANTON.
Turn RIGHT onto TX-64 E/W DALLAS ST.
Turn LEFT onto FLEA MARKET RD.

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**Billie Cannon,
Meeting Speaker**

Therapy Team, Carleigh and Billie Cannon, MEd., have been working together for three years in the Tyler/Lindale area. Carleigh, a five year old Golden Retriever, is a Delta Society Registered Therapy dog.

Billie Cannon has been in the Education field for many years. She is an Adjunct faculty member for the University of Texas at Tyler, in the Education and Psychology department. She and Her husband Dennis live in Lindale. They own and operate Cannon Creek Farms. Billie trains with Parelli Natural Horsemanship. She is on many boards that promote animals and people working in a therapeutic setting.



This therapy team has worked in the Lindale Schools as part of the READ program. They serve at Grace Community Church with JOY ministries. JOY ministries serves children and

adults with a variety of physical, mental and emotional disabilities.

Carleigh trained at Thera Pets in Troup, Tyler Obedience Club, and Angel Paws in Waco. They shadowed teams at Baylor Rehab in Waco as part of their training.

Carleigh is a welcome visitor at many area functions. She has been invited to be part of opening ceremonies and ribbon cuttings. She has been in may activities to help secure funds for ASPCA. Billie and Carling work to aide in animal health awareness at Quitman's Animal Hospital's PET FAIR. This team participates at PETS IN THE PARK in Tyler to introduce people to therapy work and obedience training with Tyler Obedience Club. Carleigh is an exceptional dog and an inspiration to many.

Message from the President

Submitted by Colleen Maddox

Winter reminders.....

Move your dogs bed out of drafty areas of your home. Place a blanket on the dog bed for extra warmth and coverage for your dog.

Fill the water bowl on a regular basis. Once the winter heat turns on, indoor air turn dry and can cause dehydration.

Enjoy indoor fires but keep your dog's safety in mind and place a fireguard around the fireplace to prevent accidents.

Do not let your dog near portable heaters. Dogs may accidentally tip over a heater causing a fire in the home. Heaters may also burn your dog.

Keep your dog's regular grooming schedule. Excess fur can easily become matted and knotted in the snow. Do not shave your dog in the winter

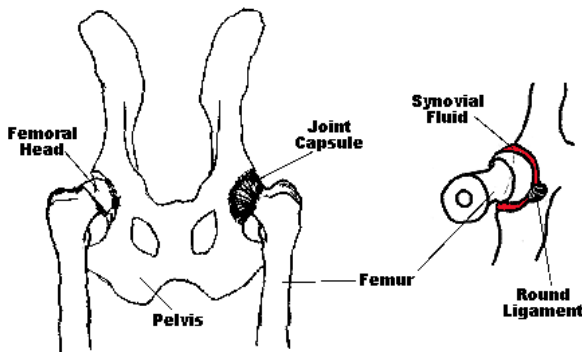
Make sure your antifreeze is kept away from the curious nose of your dog. It is sweet tasting but deadly. Blessings, Colleen

Ask the Doctor

Submitted by Renee Smith, DVM

Pectinectomy in Canine Hip Dysplasia

What is "hip dysplasia"? Hip dysplasia simply stated means "abnormal formation" of the hip joint. The normal anatomy of the hip joint is a classic Ball and Socket joint. The head of the femur (the "Ball") is supposed to match the acetabulum (the "Socket"). In a good hip joint, the head of the femur fits tightly into the acetabulum.



Hip dysplasia is characterized by faulty development of the hip joint that initially presents as varying degrees of joint laxity (looseness) and later is manifested as femoral and acetabular remodeling and degenerative joint disease (osteoarthritis). Thus, the disease clinically appears, and is treated, differently in the young versus old dog.

Once such treatment originally developed by J. Barden, was modified by Larry J. Wallace, D.V.M., M.S., in 1967 to include the tenectomy (cutting out a portion of the tendon) or tenotomy (cutting of the tendon) of the pectineus tendon of insertion (that part of the muscle that goes into and attaches to the bone). Pectineus myotomy/myectomy was first used to treat canine hip dysplasia in clinically affected dogs. Wallace's procedure is by no means a cure for CHD, but has been described as somewhat effective in temporarily relieving pain and restoring function. One of the adductors and stabilizers of the hip, the pectineus muscle brings the hind leg in

toward the mid-line of the dog. The rationale for this procedure is to relieve the tension on the joint capsule, caused by the upward force on the coxofemoral joint from a contracted pectineus muscle. It is also thought that improved weight loading of the femoral head within the acetabulum may result from the increased range of abduction. Note the difference between "adduction" (moving toward the center line) and "abduction" (moving away from the center line). This type of surgery should be considered strictly therapeutic in nature and reduces the stability of the dysplastic hip. Due to the lack of stability in the hip the animal will begin to compensate by shifting weight to the front legs. In time, the musculature of the hips will atrophy due to limited use and cause additional instability and the return of pain and a nonfunctional hip.



Therefore, the owner of an affected animal can expect the degenerative changes due to osteoarthritis to continue.

AKC Junior Showmanship

By Alan Meyer

In this issue's column, I thought I would discuss AKC Junior Showmanship rules as well as a perspective from the parent of a former junior.

The goal of AKC Junior Showmanship is to offer children the opportunity to:

1. Develop their handling skills
2. Learn about good sportsmanship
3. Learn about dogs and dog shows.

All participants in Junior Showmanship classes must have an AKC Junior Showmanship Handler Number. Upon the child's 9th birthday, they may complete an AKC Junior Handler Request form. There is no cost to obtain an AKC Junior Handler Number. All entries for Junior Showmanship at an AKC event require the inclusion of the AKC Junior Handler Number and the AKC Registration of the dog participating with the junior handler. A junior handler must also retain their amateur status to participate in AKC Junior Showmanship. If a handler is listed as an agent they are not eligible to compete in AKC Junior Showmanship, nor any person who distributes rate cards or otherwise advertises themselves as handling dogs for pay in the show ring, or accepts payment for handling dogs.

Junior Showmanship classes are open to children between the ages of 9 and 17 inclusive. A junior handler cannot participate in junior showmanship prior to their 9th birthday, and becomes ineligible (ages out) on their 18th birthday. There are 6 junior showmanship classes, however unlike the breed ring, the class is pre-determined that the junior handler must be entered in. The classes (in the order that they are typically judged) are: Novice Junior, Novice Intermediate, Novice Senior, Open Junior, Open Intermediate and Open Senior. The Junior, Intermediate and Senior classifications are determined based upon the junior handler's age on the event date. Junior classes are for ages 9 through 11; Intermediate classes are for ages 12 through 14; Senior classes are for ages 15 through 17. When a junior begins their junior handling participation, they must begin in a Novice class, dependent upon their age (Junior: 9-11; Intermediate: 12-14; Senior: 15-17). They remain in the Novice class until they receive 3 first place wins with competition, at which time they graduate to the age appropriate Open class. They move from the junior to intermediate classification upon reaching their 12th birthday, and senior classification upon reaching their 15th birthday.

Unlike the breed ring, the judge should not be concerned with the conformation of the dog, but rather the handling ability and technique of the junior handler. Each dog entered in a regular Junior Showmanship Class must be a breed that is eligible to compete in the conformation classes (including Miscellaneous Classes) at the event. Dogs may be PAL/ILP, Full-, or Limited-Registered to compete in Junior Showmanship Classes. Additionally, spayed and neutered dogs are eligible for competition. Breeds excluded from competition at that event are not eligible. The dog must be entered in one of the classes associated with the event or must be entered for Junior Showmanship only. An eligible dog other than the one entered may be substituted, however the substitution must be accompanied by an official AKC entry form. The junior must have the AKC number of the substitute dog. All such substitutions must be made with the Superintendent or Show Secretary at least one half hour prior to the scheduled judging of any Junior Showmanship Classes at the show. Each dog participating with the junior handler must be owned or co-owned by the junior handler or by the junior handler's father, mother, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, grandfather, or grandmother, including the corresponding step and half relations, or by a permanent member of the junior handler's household as recorded with The American Kennel Club at the time entries close or an application for transfer of ownership must be sent to The American Kennel Club by the new owner within seven days after the last day of the show. Bitches in season are not eligible to participate in junior showmanship.

Similar to the breed ring, there are placements in each of the 6 classes for 1st through 4th. The first place winners of each 6 classes then compete for Best Junior Handler (BJH). Only one competitor will be chosen from these 6 class winners and be given the award of BJH, similar to Best In Show. The prestigious Westminster Kennel Club as well as the AKC Eukanuba National Championship shows also offers Junior Handling Competition. For the Westminster Kennel Club, a junior handler must qualify for entry to the show by amassing 10 first place wins from an Open class with competition during the calendar year. For the AKC Eukanuba National Championship, a junior handler must qualify for entry to the show by amassing 5 first place wins from an Open class with competition during a

specified time period listed in the premium (i.e. October 2009 – September 2010). Unlike other shows, the juniors and seniors typically compete together regardless of age. Cuts are made from the preliminary classes and these cuts then compete in the final judging. A different judge may be used to judge the preliminary classes than the final class. The final class will have placements for 1st through 4th and the 1st place winner becomes the equivalent of BJH for this show.

At AKC shows, the junior handler is participating with a dog that is co-owned by them or their family. While I have never witnessed a dog show in Canada, it is my understanding that during the junior handling competition at those shows, the judge can ask juniors to switch dogs. This is an intriguing idea, as the juniors that appear to be doing a superior handling job because they have a “well-trained” dog may fail miserably when given a dog that requires more handling.

The AKC refers to this competition as Junior Showmanship. While a large percentage of the competition is centered on handling ability, showmanship also does play a large part. Showmanship includes dressing appropriately and presenting both you and your dog properly. For girls, this means wearing dresses or skirts with blouses. The dresses or skirts should not be mini skirts, but knee length or longer. If long dresses are worn, be sure that it allows her to run with the dog. For boys, slacks, shirts and tie, and possibly a blazer should be worn. The juniors should dress as the professional handlers do in the breed ring. They should wear comfortable shoes that allow them to run with the dogs. They should appear confident and not nervous. However the appearance of confidence should not be confused with cockiness. An aspect of Showmanship is also the presentation of the dog including grooming. The dog should be groomed as if it were being shown in the breed ring. The junior should learn and perform the grooming themselves. Another aspect of showmanship is how polished the junior appears when handling the dog. They should watch the breed ring for their breed of dog and see how other exhibitors show that breed of dog. They should also watch the group rings to see how other exhibitors and professional handlers handle their dogs with different breeds in the same ring. They

must be fully aware of proper ring etiquette (i.e. not crowding the dog in front of them, ensuring all exhibitors are ready prior to gaiting as a group if in front, etc.). They should strive to have a polished look about how they handle their dog. The dog and handler should look like a well-practiced team. They should not look stiff in their movements and actions, but fluid especially when moving the dog. The dog should be moved at the proper speed for that breed. Too often we will see an inexperienced junior in the ring showing a toy dog, where every other dog is a larger sporting dog. When the judge asks for them to take their dogs around the ring together, the sporting dogs take off at their proper gait, and the junior with the toy dog will run with the dog to keep up with the sporting dogs instead of walking at the proper gait for their dog.

One of the most important aspects of showmanship is also sportsmanship. Unfortunately, we often see many juniors who storm out of the ring if they lose and do not congratulate the winner. This was something we stressed with both of our girls early on. We always asked them as they came out of the ring, “Did you congratulate the winner?” We also always stressed to our girls that they needed to pay close attention to the judge’s directions and answer with “Yes Ma’am” or “Yes Sir”. I mentioned earlier that confidence should not be confused with cockiness. A junior should never go in the ring expecting to win. They should go in knowing that not everyone can win, and if they do their best and the judge believes that they did the best job compared to everyone else; that they could win. If they do not win, it is perfectly acceptable to approach the judge at the end of the junior’s judging and ask the judge what they can improve upon. Most judges are more than willing to offer advice to juniors. Unfortunately, we have seen actions by some juniors during competition that would not be considered good sportsmanship. Examples of this are crowding the dog in front or behind of their dog, running up on the dog in front of them, even throwing or dropping bait intentionally to throw off other dogs

By the way, there is proper etiquette for spectators at the junior’s ring also. It is not acceptable to coach the juniors while they are in the ring. “Double Handling” of the dogs is also not permitted. Applause is not

acceptable while each junior is individually going around the ring; however it is encouraged when the entire entry is going around the ring collectively. As with all rings, try to keep the talking to a minimum so as not to distract the dogs and the handlers.

In my humble opinion, not enough emphasis is placed upon the junior showmanship competitions at shows. This begins with the entry fees for junior showmanship. These juniors are the future of dog showing as a sport and need to be made to feel welcome at the shows. Many kennel clubs charge the full entry fee for juniors, while some will charge a reduced fee, while some will even offer junior showmanship for free as an additional entry of the same dog. The clubs that charge full rate usually do not draw a large juniors entry, as many of these juniors are paying for their entries themselves and cannot afford to pay full rate. The scheduling of junior showmanship can also be a deterrent. It is usually at the tail end of a judge's assignment. The Best Junior Handler competition is very similar to the Group judging and Best In Show judging at a show. I think that the AKC and the Kennel clubs should insist that the Best Junior Handling judging occur in the group ring either before, during or after the groups. If after the individual groups, it should be prior to Best In Show. The juniors who have won their classes and have earned the right to compete for Best Junior Handler at the show, deserve to be center stage and be show-cased in front of as many spectators and other judges that are in attendance, just as the BOB winners are. For the junior showmanship competition at the Westminster Kennel Club and AKC Eukanuba National Championship, the final judging should also take place in the Group ring, and should be televised, as are the Groups and Best In Show.

The AKC also has a scholarship program for students that have participated in dog events (including AKC junior showmanship) may apply for.

In closing, Junior Showmanship is a great avenue for pre-teens and teenagers to learn responsibility, sportsmanship, gain confidence, and learn to accept victory or defeat equally with grace. They will gain maturity by participating in an adult sport, as well as make acquaintances, and perhaps close friendships. They will learn about different breeds, and make decisions on what breeds they may want to own, breed,

and exhibit, as they get older. It gives them an opportunity to express themselves. In the case of the dog showing family, (like ourselves), it gives the junior an opportunity to gain more enjoyment while attending the dog show.

Meeting and Event Calendar

October meeting – 10/16 in Canton, TX – after Goldens show (~3 pm)

Tyler KC - 10/16 and 10/17 in Canton, Tx - already closed.

Stephenville KC - 10/21-22 in Belton, TX - closes 10/6

Bell County KC - 10/23-24 in Belton, Tx - closes 10/6

Lawton KC - 10/23-10/24 in Lawton, OK - closes 10/6

Saline KC - 10/30-31 in Benton, AR - closes 10/13

Travis County KC - 10/30-31 in Austin, TX - closes 10/13

Tulsa Dog Training club - 10/29-10/31 in Tulsa, OK - closes 10/13

Cypress Creek KC - 11/13-14 in Houston, TX - closes 10/27

Town&Country KC - 11/18-19 in Chickasaw, OK - closes 11/3

Canadian Valley KC - 11/20-21 in Chickasaw, OK - closes 11/3

Brazoria KC - 11/20-21 in Houston, Tx - closes 11/3

CenTex KC - 11/27-28 in Alvarado, TX - closes 11/10

Conroe KC - 12/4-5 in Conroe, TX - closes 11/17

Trinity Valley KC - 12/10 in Dallas, TX - closes 11/24

Greater Collin KC - 12/11 in Dallas, Tx - closes 11/24

Texas KC - 12/12 in Dallas, Tx - closes 11/24

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Mississippi State KC - 12/16-17 in Jackson, MS - closes 12/1

Brandon KC - 12/18-19 in Jackson, MS - closes 12/1

Nolan River KC - 1/8-9 in Glenrose, TX - closes 12/22

Corpus Christie KC - 1/15-16 in Sinton, TX - closes 12/29

Fort Bend KC - 1/22-23 in Rosenberg, TX - closes 1/5

Abilene KC - 1/29-30 in Abilene, Tx - closes 1/12

Baton Rouge KC - 1/27-28 in Alexandria, LA - closes 1/12

Alexandria KC - 1/29-30 in Alexandria, LA - closes 1/12



In the Ribbons!

Congratulations Colleen Maddox for her new champions!

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ArkLaTex GRC invites all prospective members to their events and meetings. If you are interested in joining our club, please contact the corresponding secretary.

Meetings are held bimonthly. Programs and locations are announced in the quarterly newsletter.

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