



Golden Retriever Club of Illinois GOLDEN MOMENTS NEWSLETTER

Announcements

Next General Meeting - Monday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m.

We are very pleased to announce that at our General Meeting, April 27, 2015, our guest speaker will be Dr Karen Kuhl, DVM, DACVD. Dr Kuhl is a Veterinary Dermatologist. Dr Kuhl did her residency at the University of Pennsylvania, and is Board Certified by the American College of Veterinary Dermatology. She has been published in journals, books, and news magazines. After Dr Kuhl's presentation there will be time for questions.

Our meeting will be held at the [Veterinary Specialty Center, 1515 Busch Parkway, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089](#). It will begin at 7:00pm. No dogs will be allowed at this meeting, but there will be one of Dr Kuhl's Golden Retriever patients present.

Please RSVP for this meeting ASAP, because seating is limited.
RSVP to: Barbara Gron Grosse bgg2134@sbcglobal.net or 847 272-9548

Hope you can join us for this very informative meeting.

Chicagoland Family Pet Expo - March 20-22

Hi everyone, it's that time again to staff our booth at the [Chicagoland Family Pet Expo](#) at Arlington Park Racecourse. The show runs from Friday, March 20, 1-9pm, Saturday, March 21, 9am to 6pm, and Sunday, March 22, 10am to 5pm. Listed below are the time slots available for you and your golden.

Friday: 1-5pm 1 team (dog and member)
Saturday: 9am -Noon 2 teams
Saturday: Noon-3pm 1 team
Saturday: 3-6pm 1 team

Sunday: 10am-1pm 1 team
Sunday: 1pm-3pm 2 teams
Sunday 3-closing 2 teams

Please let me know via email or phone if you will be able to help. Once we get closer to the date I will send out more information regarding the show and parking.

Thank you

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Certificate of Conformation Assessment (CCA)

As of March 6, there are 7 openings still available for the CCA at Pawsitively Heaven Pet Resort on April 11, 2015. This is a great opportunity for Golden owners to get information and evaluation of their dog's conformation to the AKC standard in a non-competitive environment! Hurry and take advantage of the last spots! Entries should be sent to: Sandy Foster, PO Box 43, 604 E. Church Street, Minooka, IL 60447. For full information, please click [here](#). We are also in need of volunteers for the event. If you would like to help, please contact event Chair Robin Comp-Zelles at mzelles@aol.com.

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Annual Heart, Eye, Microchip and Genetic Eye and Skin Testing Clinic

Sunday, April 12 from 10:30 to 2:00 p.m. GRCI is hosting our annual Heart, Eye and Microchip clinic. Dr. Gretchen Schmidt will be giving eye exams, Dr. Michael Luethy will give heart exams, and Dr. Mark Rusley will implant microchips if your dog needs one.

This year, we are also offering genetic testing for conditions Golden Retrievers are at risk for: Optigen PRA 1&2 (eyes) and Ichthyosis (skin) tests. Optigen offers a range of tests for all breeds. Check site: www.optigen.com for details and for making advance arrangements. On the day of clinic blood draw cost is 10.00 while cheek swab at no cost.

Please consider having your Golden donate sample blood for research re: canine diseases., These studies are the OFA DNA repository, and the Dog genome project at MIT and Harvard. The costs for these studies are to be covered by the Golden Retriever Foundation. More info at: www.offa.org and www.dogDNA.org

For full information and to register, click [here](#). Contact Pat Covek with questions at 847-526-5089 or patriciamcovek@gmail.com. Deadline for reservations is April 8, 2015.

GRCI Hunt Test

GRCI Members - Your help is needed!

Our annual Hunt Test is coming up May 2 and 3 at the Des Plaines Conservation Area in Wilmington. We expect many more entries than in recent years, which means we need even more volunteers!

For most positions, volunteers do not need to be experienced, but will be trained "on the job." We need two marshals for master each day, one marshal for senior on Sunday, and two marshals for junior each day. The test begins at 8:00 a.m. each day and runs until dusk. Helpers are required to be there around 7:00 a.m.

We also need one or two members with trucks for transporting crates of birds to the different sites.

Please let me know your availability. Thanks for any help you can give!!!

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GRCA National Needs Volunteers

The GRCA National is in Wilmington OH this year - Sept 26 to Oct 3. If you are planning to go, please [check out this flyer](#) to see where you can help out!

Wags and Brags

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Lots of Great News from the Conformation Rings!

Sandy Foster reports: her boy Joshua became CH Summerwind N Argo Dancin' Around Jericho AX AXJ NFP NJP by going WD at the Greater St Louis Golden Retriever Club for a 5 point major, and BOW in Des Moines Iowa for another 5 point major on February 15, 2015! Now back to the fun agility ring!



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Sunshine Notes

Do you know someone in the hospital, sick or in need of some Sunshine in his or her life?

Call Laurie Stecker at 847-705-9172 or email at Aylwyn1@aol.com. She will arrange flowers, cards, and other forms of "sunshine" to brighten their day.

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Hal and Hollis Axelrod are proud to announce that their dog Vespa, GCH Firststar's Blue Vespa of Hallis CD RN CGC, got his Grand Championship at the Badger GRC Specialty March 1. He finished his title in style, getting (2) 5 point majors in specialties and getting **Select Dog** (second) at the **Westminster**. This could not have been done without the help of Jane Coen and Team Hoffmann who handled him so well over the last 3 years.



Michelle Kolb reports: On November 22nd, 2014 Takoda became a UKC Champion aka "UKC CH Believe My Dreams Came True" Takoda's first UKC show week end she came home with **Two Best in Show Ribbons**, she also received **two Group 2nd Place Ribbons**, and one **Group 3rd Place Ribbon**.

I would like to thank her Awesome Father GCH Firststar's Blue of Vespa of Hallis, CCA, CD, RN and **Westminster Select Dog Super Star!** I am Very Proud Vespa is the father of my pretty little girl. Thank you Hal & Hollis Axelrod and Jane Coen for letting Vespa be the father of Takoda. I also give credit to Takoda's mother, Destiny aka Amethyst I in Destiny, CCA, OA, AXJ,NAP, NJP.

If you have a Wag and Brag to share, please send your story in "copy and paste" mode, along with a picture if you have one to Cathy Williams at cwilliams0727@gmail.com or Hal Axelrod at harryaxe@comcast.net.

The Obedience Corner

The Obedience Corner by Jane Coen

"Setting High Standards-Pay Now or Pay Later"

Over the last several decades, I have had the pleasure of training many different dogs, and the privilege of teaching thousands of students how to train their dogs. In teaching others, I have always emphasized that setting high standards for the dog's performance is critical for success. I have found that students who set high standards consistently attain excellent results. Those students who accept a lesser performance from their dogs end up with dogs whose performances are characterized by inconsistency, inattentiveness and poor responses to commands.

It can be a thrilling experience to watch a dog that is fully engaged in its training, demonstrating enthusiasm, drive and instant responses to its trainer's commands. Such performances do not happen by chance, but instead are conditioned into the dog through the trainer's consistency, enthusiasm and effective use of high impact positive and-when warranted--negative reinforcements . My experience is that trainers who fail to achieve their dogs' maximum potential when it comes to the dogs' obedience performances, tend to be trainers who under correct their dogs, accept delayed and sloppy responses to commands, and are ineffective at motivating their dogs.

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Think Spring!!! The tulips will be up soon!