

# Dog Bytes

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WVSSA Newsletter

January/February 2005

## 2004 Awards and Titles

by Carol Callahan

### American Championship

- Pawmarc's Twilight Dazzle  
Owners: Pat Wilaby & Bobbie Daniel
- Kehre's Lightning Bug  
Owners: Pat Wilaby & Bobbie Daniel
- Can CH Fairhaven's Autumn Laurel, CGC  
Owners: Kelly Priestley
- Can CH Fairhaven Woods of Autumn  
Owners: Kelly Priestley
- Fairhaven Aldwyn Bee Mused  
Owners: Ann MacLean & Kelly Priestley
- Ch Oxbow's Fire and Rain  
Owners: Dave & Janeé Kemp
- Donahan's Definitely in Style  
Owners: Don & Carol Callahan
- Dalin G & J's Chant of Nakai  
Owners: Gary & Jan Sturm
- Marlincourt's Shining Knight  
Owners: Linda & Marcus Eng, Timothy Miller

### Canadian Championship

- Bryden Fairhaven Cadence, CGC  
Owners: Kelly Priestley & David Swartwood

### Companion Dog

- Ariel to SirJohn With Love  
Owner: Lisa Loeffler
- Ch Ramblewood Windsong  
Owners: Dave & Janeé Kemp

- Donahan's Definitely in Style  
Owners: Don & Carol Callahan
- Donahan's Searching for You  
Owner: Linda Coffel
- Dalin G & J's Chant of Nakai  
Owners: Gary & Jan Sturm
- CH Vanity Fair's Stand Pattie  
Owners: Lawrence T. & Elizabeth Schwartz

### Canadian Companion Dog

- Bondir's Flying Duchess, CD, NA  
Owners: Kevin & Judy Griffith

### Companion Dog Excellent

- U-CDX Melchris Excalibur, CD, TD, CGC  
Owner: Susan Carlson
- Mystic's Peridigm, CD  
Owners: Larry & Betty Schwartz & Cynthia Wheeler

### Novice Agility Jumpers

- Donahan's Searching for You  
Owner: Linda Coffel

### Open Agility Preferred

- Criterion The Shining, OA, OAJ, NAP, NAJP  
Owner: Martha Mullis

### Tracking Dog

- Donahan's Searching for You  
Owner: Linda Coffel

### 2004 WVSSA Award Winners

#### Bench Springer of the Year

- Ch Salilyn's Turbulance;  
Owners: Art & Sharon Stewart, Tom Mason & Kellie Fitzgerald

#### Best of Opposite Sex to Springer of the Year

- Ch Fairhaven's Autumn Laurel  
Owner: Kelly Priestley

#### Obedience Springer of the Year

- U-CDX Melchris Excalibur, CDX, TD  
Owner: Susan Carlson

#### Agility Springer of the Year

- Criterion The Shining, OA, OAP, OAJ  
Owner: Martha Mullis

#### Junior Handler of the Year

- Anna Gilles

#### Donahan Award

- U-CDX Melchris Excalibur, CDX, TD  
Owner: Susan Carlson



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## Future Meetings

The February meeting will be held on February 19th at the Wyatt's in Albany. The meeting will at 12:30. The address is 211 1st Ave W., Albany, OR.

### Directions

From the Linn Co. Fairgrounds turn onto Knox Butte Rd and merge onto Hwy 20 West. Take the Albany City Center/Corvallis exit (also Hwy 20). Turn left on 1st, Wyatt's is approximately 2 blocks down on the right.

### March Meeting

There is no March meeting scheduled at this time.

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## Braggs & Wags

- Donahan's Bell Bottom Blue went High in Trial at the ESSFTA National Specialty from the Open B class. Belle also has 33 OTCH points. Bell is owned by Phyllis Broderick and Carol Callahan.
- Kelly Callahan has a new English Cocker Spaniel puppy named Katie. Katie is 13 weeks old.
- Marcur's Gem Ruby got a perfect score of 100 on her first leg of her NAJWW. Ruby is owned and handled by Anna Gilles.
- Marcur's I Feel Fine was WD and BOW at Saturday's Puyallup show for a 4 point major and he finished his championship. Jett is owned by Curt and Marsha Caldwell.
- Marcur's Love Me Do was WB at the Sunday PSESSA supported entry at Puyallup for a 3 point major. Piper is owned by Curt and Marsha Caldwell.

## Show Results

### Whidbey Island KC, 11/13

GP4/BOB CH Vanity Fair's Artful Dodger TD  
BOS CH Fairhaven's Autumn Laurel  
BOW/WD Ramblewood Ray Of Light  
RWD Marcur's I Feel Fine  
WB Woodridge's Chantilly Lace  
RWB Marcur's Love Me Do

### Whidbey Island KC, 11/14

BOB CH Vanity Fair's Artful Dodger TD  
BOS CH Fairhaven's Autumn Laurel  
BOW/WD Showboats Park Ave  
RWD Darkover Can't Ya Hear Me Callin'  
WB Mar-Ric Easy Money  
RWB Vanity Fair's Mystic Sunrise

### Tacoma Kennel Club, 1/14

GP1/BOB CH Salilyn's Turbulance  
BOS CH Pawmarc's Twilight Dazzle  
BOW/WB Joel N Toni's Final Dance  
WD Oxbow's My Traveling Star  
RWD Pawmarc's Northern Lights  
RWB Oxbow's Silver Lining

### Sammamish KC, 1/15

GP3/BOB CH Salilyn's Turbulance  
BOS/WB Joel N Toni's Final Dance  
BOW/WD Marcur's I Feel Fine  
RWD Quail Lane's Midnight Light JH  
RWB Lakeview Fancy's Sweet Destiney

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- CH Vanity Fair's Artful Dodger II, TD retired in November. He went out with a bang... in his last 10 shows he won 5 BOB and 2 Group placements. Art is owned by Larry and Betty Schwartz.
- Vanity Fair's Mystic Sunrise won her first major (3 points) on Friday at the Rose City Classic. Dawn is owned by Larry and Betty Schwartz.
- Oxbow's Silver Lining earned her American Championship by winning her final points at the Rose City Classic on Saturday. Piper is owned by Dave and Janeé

### Puyallup DF, 1/16

GP1/BOB CH Salilyn's Turbulance  
BOS CH Pawmarc's Twilight Dazzle  
BOW/WD Pawmarc's Northern Lights  
RWD Ramblewood Mister Magic  
WB Marcur's Love Me Do  
RWB Pawmarc's Our Blessing Jesse

### DFA of Oregon, 1/21

BOB CH Ramblewood Fields Of Gold  
BOS CH Pawmarc's Twilight Dazzle  
BOW/WD Pawmarc's Northern Lights  
RWD Ramblewood Mister Magic  
WB Vanity Fair's Mystic Sunrise  
RWB Tiffany's Esspecial Shoshone

### DFA of Oregon, 1/22

BOB CH Amilyn's Flying High  
BOS CH Pawmarc's Twilight Dazzle  
BOW/WD Quail Lane's Midnight Light JH  
RWD Ramblewood Hippy Hippy Shakes  
WB Oxbow's Silver Lining  
RWB Lakeview Fancy's Sweet Destiney

### Tualatin KC, 1/24

GP3/BOB CH Amilyn's Flying High  
BOS/BOW/WB Marcur's Love Me Do  
WD Oxbow's My Traveling Star  
RWD Lakeview Beau's Wild Bill  
RWB Pawmarc's Our Blessing Jesse

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# Coming Events

## Conformation & Obedience

### February 12-13, 2005

Linn County Kennel Club  
Albany, OR

Saturday: Barbara J. Young-Smith

Sunday: Roy Cuneo

### March 12-13, 2005

Seattle Kennel Club  
Seattle, WA

No Judging Panel Available

### March 12-13, 2005

Chintimini Kennel Club  
Albany, OR

Saturday: Carl Gene Liepmann

Sunday: LaMar Mathis

### March 26-27, 2005

Peninsula Dog Fanciers Club  
Bremerton, WA

Saturday: Patricia Mowbray-Morgan

Sunday: Susan St. John Brown

### April 9-10, 2005

Timberland Valley DFA  
Centralia, WA

Saturday: Dorothy M. Macdonald

Sunday: Patricia Leakey Brenner

### April 16-17, 2005

Ephrata-Moses Lake KC  
Moses Lake, WA

Saturday: Dr. Alvin W. Krause

Sunday: Mrs. Robert D. Smith

### April 22-25, 2005

Nez-Pierce Circuit  
Lewiston, ID

Friday: Cynthia Sommers

Saturday: Dr. Asa Mays

Sunday: William Bergum

Sunday: M. Rosalie Anderson

### April 29-30, 2005

Walla Walla Kennel Club  
Walla Walla, WA

Friday: Marsha Hall Brown

Saturday: Honey Anne Glendinning

### May 1-2, 2005

Yakima Valley Kennel Club  
Yakima, WA

Sunday: Walter J. Sommerfelt

Monday: Forrest W. McCoy

### May 7-8, 2005

Olympia Dog Fanciers  
Elma, WA

Saturday: J.R. Duding

Sunday: John F. Remondi

### May 14-15, 2005

Klamath Dog Fanciers  
Klamath Falls, OR

Saturday: Richard Lopaschuk

Sunday: Dr. Lee Anthony Reasin

## AKC Agility

### February 12-13, 2005

Auburn, WA

### February 19-20, 2005

Elma, WA

### February 26-27, 2005

Lynden, WA

### March 12-13, 2005

Seattle, WA

### March 19-20, 2005

Caldwell, ID

### March 26-27, 2005

Auburn, WA

### March 26-27, 2005

McMinnville, OR

### April 1-3, 2005

Sequim, WA

### April 9-10, 2005

Auburn, WA

### April 16-17, 2005

Moses Lake, WA

### April 27-28, 2005

Bremerton, WA

### April 29-May 1, 2005

Auburn, WA

## Tracking

### March 13, 2005

Palisades, WA  
TX, TR

### April 3, 2005

White City, OR  
TX, TR, VST

### April 17, 2005

Eugene, OR  
TR

## Field Trials

### March 11, 2005

White City, OR

### March 12, 2005

Albany, OR

## Hunt Tests

### April 9, 2005

Medford, OR

### July 30, 2005

Portland, OR

## Miscellaneous

### Drop-In Conformation Classes

Pup-A-Razzi, Beaverton, OR

Every Tuesday 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

For more information: [www.pup-a-razzi.com](http://www.pup-a-razzi.com) or (503) 259-8978

### Drop-In Handling Classes

7:00 - 8:00 Tuesdays

Vancouver, WA

Contact Penny King at 360-600-1849

or [www.pennyking.com](http://www.pennyking.com)

### Competition Obedience Classes

6:30 - 9:30 Mondays

Vancouver, WA

Contact [joana@zoiedog.com](mailto:joana@zoiedog.com)

Novice, Open and Utility

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# Intestinal Upsets

## Grumbling Guts Mean Trouble for Dogs and Owners

by Norma Bennett Woolf

Grumbling guts, vomiting, and diarrhea are common problems in dogs that have a variety of potential causes ranging from dietary indiscretion to infection to chronic disease, parasite infestation or poison. It can be as simple as an abrupt change in diet or as complex as metabolic disease.

Occasional bouts of upset may be cured by waiting or by use of an over-the-counter medicine such as Imodium or Pepto Bismol, but cases that last more than a day or two or that escalate in severity should be seen by a veterinarian as soon as possible. Persistent vomiting and diarrhea can lead to dehydration and other complications, and delay in treatment can impede a return to good health or hinder treatment of a serious condition.

### Diarrhea

Unfortunately, diarrhea is a familiar symptom in dogs, and the cause is often undiagnosed because the episodes have sudden onset, are easily cured, and occur infrequently.

A symptom of intestinal distress, diarrhea is a change in the frequency and consistency of bowel movements. It can be mild or severe, bloody or not, smelly or not particularly. A dog with diarrhea can also have flatulence, grumbling guts (borborygmus, a wonderfully descriptive term for intestinal bubbling caused by gas), abdominal distention and discomfort, and bad breath. Vomiting may or may not be present.

Some dogs have periodic bouts with diarrhea of undetermined origin, but as long as the symptoms respond well to minimal treatment, no testing is done to determine the origin. Diagnosis of persistent or longstanding diarrhea is critical.

Diarrhea of undetermined origin can often be treated by withholding food for 24 hours to rest the intestines and giving an over-the-counter preparation if advised by a veterinarian. After the period of food withdrawal, a diet of home-cooked diet of boiled hamburger, cottage cheese, or tofu with boiled rice (plain – no flavoring) or tapioca. However, if Ranger is also vomiting or becomes dehydrated, a trip to the clinic is in order.

### Diarrhea Causes

Intestinal upset and diarrhea can be caused by stress, bacteria, viruses, parasites, poor digestion, dietary changes, or ingestion of garbage or an indigestible object such as a toy, stick, food wrapper, dirty rag, or other delectable.

Bacterial diseases include *Campylobacter jejuni*, *Salmonella* varieties, and *Escherichia coli*, organisms that may be present without causing problems until Rocky is stressed by underlying disease or infestations or immune system weakness. *C. jejuni* and *Salmonella* can infect humans as well, so care must be taken to keep children away from sick dogs, to clean messes carefully, and to wash carefully after handling sick dogs.

Viral causes of diarrhea include distemper, corona, and parvovirus. Distemper and parvo generally attack puppies and young dogs. Corona is a less serious infection that also strikes younger dogs and may accompany distemper disease. Vaccinations are available to prevent all three, although many veterinarians do not recommend corona virus vaccine because the disease is less serious than distemper and parvo.

Parasitic causes of diarrhea include *Giardia*, *Coccidia*, hookworms, and whipworms. *Giardia* and *Coccidia* are protozoa, tiny one-celled animals that can wreck havoc far beyond their miniscule size. *Coccidia* infection is rare in dogs; most cases involve puppies in crowded conditions in kennels, pet stores, and animal shelters. Diagnosis is confirmed by fecal flotation to identify the eggs. Treatment is available but prevention through cleanliness, disinfection, and heat treatment of kennel surfaces is preferable.

*Giardia* is more common, and the form of the protozoa that infects dogs may also infect people. Diagnosis is confirmed by fecal flotation, an examination of a sample of bowel movement to locate protozoal cysts. There is a new vaccine against *Giardia* and treatment is available.

Food-related diarrhea and weight loss can occur if Rainy cannot digest her food because of an enzyme deficiency or cannot absorb nutrients from the food. Tests are necessary to diagnose these diseases.

Inflammatory bowel diseases of unknown origin can also cause diarrhea. This complex of diseases can affect either the small or large intestine and can be managed with diet and with drugs in some cases. However, there is no cure.

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## Vomiting

Diarrhea is a result of irritation of the small or large intestine; vomiting is caused by irritation of the stomach. Vomiting should not be confused with regurgitation, the spitting up of food shortly after a meal. Vomiting involves retching – stomach contractions that forcefully expel food from the stomach. It is preceded by restlessness, salivation, and licking the lips. Unproductive retching is a danger signal — the dog could have torsion, a condition in which the stomach flips and cuts off both the openings to the esophagus and the intestine and can cause death in an hour or less. Unproductive vomiting is a cue for an immediate trip to the emergency clinic.

Most acute vomiting is not a sign of serious illness. Vomiting after meals can be caused by eating too much too fast. It can be prevented by putting rocks in the bowl so the dog has to negotiate around them to get his meal or by feeding smaller, more frequent meals. Many dogs vomit after eating grass, but it is not clearly understood why grass produces vomiting at some times and not at others or whether the urge to vomit causes or is produced by grass eating.

Some dogs occasionally vomit a frothy, yellow bile a few minutes after waking in the morning, but this does not affect appetite and is not an indication of disease.

Gastritis — an inflammation of the stomach — can occur if Risky has

eaten a substance that irritates his stomach lining or if his stomach does not empty in a timely fashion, or is assaulted by bacterial or viral infection. Gastritis can be acute and episodic or chronic. Acute cases can be treated in the same manner as sporadic diarrhea: withhold food for 24 hours and resume feeding small meals that are home-prepared for a day or two. If he vomits after drinking water, ice cubes will help keep him hydrated without causing additional retching.

Chronic gastritis caused by food retention can be diagnosed by x-rays. Disease involving the stomach wall is difficult to manage, and gastritis caused by underlying cancers are usually fatal.

Vomiting can be an indication that something serious is afoot. In addition to direct stomach involvement, vomiting may be a symptom of disease of the kidneys, liver, or pancreas, or could be induced by drugs, electrolyte imbalance, or stress. Chronic retching, blood vomitus, projectile vomiting, and fecal vomiting are cases for the veterinarian to diagnose.

### Poisoning: Inducing vomiting

Plant and product poisoning can kill or cause serious illness, so contact your veterinarian or the National Poison Control Center at (900) 680-0000, (800) 548-2423, or (888) 426-4435 for instructions. (The National Poison Control Center at (900) 680-0000 costs \$20 for the first five minutes and \$2.95 for each additional minute billed to your telephone; (800) 548-2423 and (888) 426-4435 are credit- card-only numbers for \$30 per case. Only Master Card, Visa, American Express, and Discover cards are accepted.)

In some cases of poisoning, vomiting should be induced to get the toxin

out of the system as quickly as possible. Use hydrogen peroxide (three percent solution) or syrup of ipecac to induce vomiting if Rascal ingests pesticides containing arsenic, carbamates, metaldehyde, or organophosphates; drugs containing aspirin or acetaminophen; antifreeze; or products containing lead, phenol, strychnine, Vitamin D3, or Warfarin. Induce vomiting in strychnine cases only if she is not having difficulty breathing.

If Monster dines on your house plants or munches his way through the garden, induce vomiting in most cases EXCEPT those involving nettles, dumb cane, philodendron, and elephant ears.

DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING if Rover eats or drinks petroleum products such as motor oil, gasoline, paint thinner, or lighter fluid or cleaning solutions such as bleach, ammonia, or laundry detergents — instead, give one dose of one or two tablespoons of cooking oil or mineral oil and call for help as soon as possible. (Most products today carry treatment information if the contents are ingested or inhaled. If it says “do not induce vomiting,” pay attention.)

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