

Dog Bytes

WVSSA Newsletter

February 2009

2007 Awards and Titles

Award Winners

Bench Springer of the Year

- CH Salilyn's Turbulance;
Owners: Art & Sharon Stewart

Best of Opposite Sex to Springer of the Year

- CH G&J's Tehya Wind Dancer
Owner: Susan Crane

Agility Springer of the Year

- Hijinks Esprit De Corps, AX MXJ OF
Owners: Elaine Resner

Junior Handler of the Year

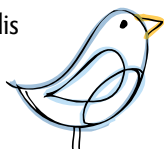
- Anna Gilles

American Championship

- G&J's Tehya Wind Dancer
Owner: Susan Crane
- Especial's Magena Moon
Owners: Gary & Jan Sturm
- Oxbow's Heartstrings
Owners: Dave and Janeé Kemp
- Oxbow's Silver and Gold
Owners: Dave and Janeé Kemp
- Lakeview Don't Take Y'R Guns to Town
Owners: Kaye & Ron McManamon

Canine Good Citizen

- Cascadian's Handsome Harry,
NA, NAJ
Owner: Martha Mullis



- Ch. Hijinks Trick or Treat, NA, NAJ
Owner: Martha Mullis
- G&J's Tehya Wind Dancer
Owner: Susan Crane
- Tri-ste's Why Not Spots
Owner: Susan and Tyler Smith
- Tri-ste's And My Daddy Is
Owner: Susan and Tyler Smith
- Ch. Benchmark's P Is For Pulchitrude
Owner: Susan and Tyler Smith
- Cascadian's Touch the Sky,
AX, AXJ, OF
Owner: Carol A. Jansen
- Just My Bailiwick
Owners: Jeff and Debbie Kirsch
- Debway Razz Ma Jazz and Blues
Owner: Kelly J. Callahan
- Ransfel Yolanda Blue
Owner: Kelly J. Callahan
- English's Diamond Daisy
Owners: Cathy and
Debbie English

Novice Jumpers

Preferred

- Ch. Hijinks Trick or Treat, NA, NAJ
Owner: Elaine Resner

Rally Novice

- Cascadian's Touch the Sky,
AX, AXJ, OF
Owner: Carol A. Jansen

Tracking Dog Excellent

- Donahan's Searching for You,
VCD1, AX, AXJ, NAP, OJP, TD
Owner: Linda Coffel



Future Meetings

February Meeting

The February meeting will be on Saturday the 14th, time 1 p.m. at Wyatt's in Albany.

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 on the right.

March Meeting

The March meeting will be on Saturday the 28th, time and place TBD.

Braggs & Wags

- Polesitter's M# won WD/BOW at Cleveland Kennel Club. Beamer is owned by Art & Sharon Stewart.
- Lakeview's Bell of the Ball was WB/BOS on Friday and WB/BOW/BOS on Saturday at the Rose City Classic. Her breeder/co-owner is Kaye Mcmanamon.
- Lakeview's Twilight Magic went WD on Saturday at the Rose City Classic. Bently is co-owned by Judy Joseph and Kaye Mcmanamon.
- Donahan's Bella Luna of Tri-Ste's preliminary x-rays of hips and elbows look normal. Bella's eye's also passed CERF. Bella is co-owned by Bruce & Gayle Elgort and Don and Carol Callahan.
- A new litter was born on January 3rd; two females and four males. The dam is Donahan's It's All in the Jeans, CD, RA and sired by CH Bryden Farewell Son Also Rises. Libby is co-owned by Laurie Kenny and Carol Callahan.
- CH Vanity Fair's Sunrise, RN had nine puppies by Calvadale Felon. There are four B/W girls, two B/W boys, two L/W boys and one L/W girl. Dawn is owned by Betty and Larry Schwartz.

Coming Events

Conformation & Obedience

February 14-15, 2009

Linn County Kennel Club
Albany, OR

Saturday: Harold (Hal) N. Engel

Sunday: Gloria Geringer

March 7-8, 2009

Seattle Kennel Club
Seattle, WA

Saturday: Anne Savory Bolus

Sunday: Kimberly Meridith-Cavanna

March 21-22, 2009

Peninsula Dog Fanciers Club
Bremerton, WA

Saturday: Judy A. Doniere

Sunday: Suzanne Dillin

March 28-29, 2009

Chintimini Kennel Club
Albany, OR

Saturday: Dr. Gerard C. Penta

Sunday: Jamieson R. Glendinning

April 4-5, 2009

Timberland Valley Dog Fanciers
Centralia, WA

Saturday: Rita A. Bell

Sunday: Barbara J. Young

April 11-12, 2009

Ephrata-Moses Lake Kennel Club
Moses Lake, WA

Saturday: Claire K. Steidel

Sunday: William Bergum

April 17-20, 2009

Lewiston Cluster
Lewiston, ID

Friday: Robert Stein

Saturday: Dorothy M. Macdonald

Sunday: Dr. Dale D. Simmons

Monday: Lawrence J. Sinclair

April 25-26, 2009

Walla Walla Kennel Club
Walla Walla, WA

Saturday: Dr. Wanda V. Spediacci

Sunday: Marilyn C. Spacht

May 2-3, 2009

Olympia Dog Fanciers
Elma, WA

Saturday: Mr. Lawrence J. Sinclair

Sunday: Arley D. Hussin

May 7-10, 2009

Southern Oregon Cluster
Klamath Falls, OR

Thursday: Loraine Boutwell

Friday: Betty Stites

Saturday: Gregory A. Anderson

Sunday: Dr. Dale A. Simmons

May 16-17, 2009

Mt. Baker Kennel Club
Lynden, WA

Saturday: Thomas J. Tracy

Sunday: Sandra Olsen

May 23-24, 2009

Spokane Kennel Club
Spokane, WA

Saturday: Gretchen K. Schultz

Sunday: Paula Hartinger

May 25-26, 2009

Coeur d'Alene Dog Fanciers
Coeur d'Alene, ID

Monday: Roger R. Hartinger

Tuesday: Keke Kahn

May 30-31, 2009

Yakima Valley Kennel Club
Yakima, WA

Saturday: Nancy J. Gallant

Sunday: Laurence J. Libeau

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Corpulent Canines?

by Chris Zink, DVM, PhD

Our dogs depend on us to put food in their bowls. And, more often than not, we are putting in too much! I have assessed the weight on hundreds of dogs of a variety of breeds over the past year at seminars all over the country and a conservative estimate is that about 50% of the dogs that I see are overweight; approximately 25% are actually obese. These are not couch potato dogs. These are dogs whose owners expect them to jump in obedience, to run over rough ground in retrieving tests, and to perform in agility. And we are seeing the sad results: ruptured anterior cruciate ligaments (often both legs), severe degenerative arthritis in dogs in their prime, degenerative disk disease, and many more conditions that are caused by, or exacerbated by, excess weight.

Why are so many working dogs overweight? The following are some possible answers to this difficult question:

- Keeping a dog at working weight is incompatible with showing in conformation. I have never understood why dogs whose breed standard states that they should be shown in "hard working condition" don't win in the conformation ring unless they are FAT. The only thing that I can think of is that we are mistaking fat for muscle. For breeds such as Golden Retrievers and Labrador Retrievers, assume that if your dog is winning in the conformation ring, it is probably about 8 to 15 lb. overweight. When you are finished showing your dog in conformation, take the weight off, for his own good.
- People are feeding their dogs the same amount of food they were fed as adolescents. This is a common mistake. But just as most of us eat less now than we did as teenagers, your dog needs less too. A dog's metabolism slows down

with age and adult dogs need less food to maintain their weight.

- People believe the suggested feeding regimens that are printed on dog food bags. Even the most active dog doesn't need as much food as most dog food companies recommend. The best way to determine how much food a dog needs is to feed it the amount that maintains its weight. This is a matter of trial and error.
- The dog has been less active, but he is being fed the same amount of food. Adjust your dog's intake to his activity level. Remember that in the winter your dog may not get as much exercise and decrease his intake accordingly.
- People don't know how to determine the correct weight for their dogs. Dogs vary in height, bone structure, and muscularity, so there is no one correct weight for a dog of any given breed. The best way to determine whether a dog is overweight is to test 3 different parts of the body: the neck, the ribs, and the hips.

To check the neck, press your thumb and index finger deep into the side of the neck just ahead of the shoulder, and pinch them together. If your fingers are more than 1/2" apart, the dog is overweight. (Note: this is where old dogs tend to carry most of their excess fat, and they may actually be thin in other locations.)

To check the ribs, stand with your dog beside you, facing his butt. Place your thumb on the middle of his spine half way down the back and spread your fingers out over his last few ribs. Then run your fingers up and down along his skin. You should be able to feel the bumps of his ribs without pressing in.

To check the hips, run your hand over your dog's croup. You should be able to feel the bumps of his two pelvic bones without pressing down.

Some of you may be reading this and thinking, "I would never want my dog to be that skinny!" Think about the Olympic athletes. If you want your dog to be an athlete then it is only fair that you do what you can to help him achieve the body that he will need to perform and stay healthy and injury free for many years.

- People worry that their dogs will not get enough nutrition if they feed them less. Premium dog foods are packed with nutrients. If your dog is overweight, unless he has a hormonal problem (e.g. hypothyroidism), he is getting too much nutrition, and cutting back will not put him in jeopardy. Remember: just like humans, individual dogs vary in their metabolic rate and some dogs just need less food.
- People don't know how to get their dogs to lose weight without all the side effects —begging, that sad-eyed look that says "I'm hungry", etc. Try the pumpkin diet. Reduce your dog's regular food by 33% and replace it with a 67% volume of canned pumpkin (not the kind with sugar and spices, ready-made for pies). For example, if you are currently feeding your dog 3 cups of food, you would instead feed him 2 cups of food and a whole cup of canned pumpkin. Dogs love the pumpkin—it has the texture of canned dog food, it provides vitamins and roughage, it makes them feel full (so they don't forage in the yard for leftovers), and they lose weight!

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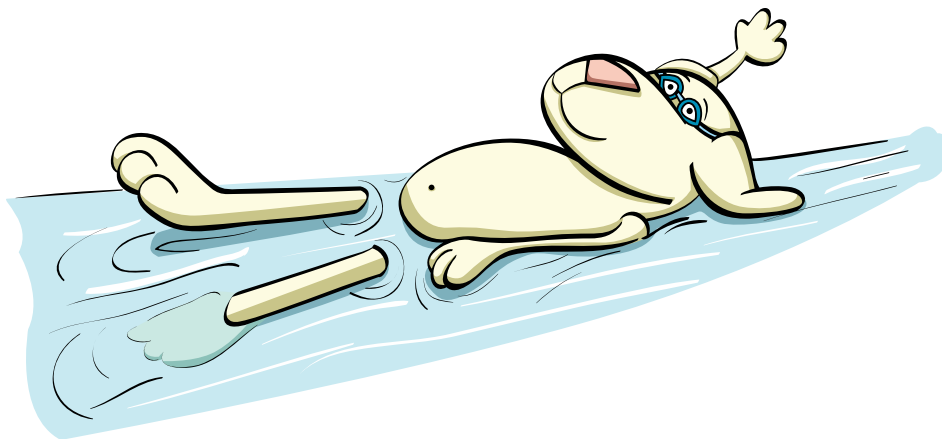
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The vet said that the dog was a good weight (or even underweight). I have asked many vets why they don't tell their clients that their dogs are overweight, and I always get the same answer: "I have lost so many clients because they were offended when I told them their dogs were overweight that I just don't tell them anymore". So please, don't be offended—it doesn't reflect on you personally.

The following is a 'real life' example. Julie Daniels, a well-known agility competitor, was showing her female Rottweiler, Jessy, in conformation. After she got her first major (5 points), Julie decided that she would rather compete with Jessy in agility. Now Rottweilers are not ideally structured for agility. So she took 21 lb (yes 21 lb.—this is not a typo) off the dog. The dog looked lovely, and in the process lost 1 1/2" in height at the withers. (For many medium-sized dogs this could mean the difference between having to jump 26" and 22" in agility.) Jessy is the all-time top winning Rottweiler in agility (USDAA National Finalist 5 years in a row) and is healthy and injury-free at the age of 10 (and still competing in Veterans).

So why not do this for your best friend?

To find out more about the canine athlete, order Peak Performance: Coaching the Canine Athlete. by M. Christine Zink DVM, PhD.



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AKC Agility

February 13-15, 2009

Auburn, WA

February 20-22, 2009

Lynden, WA

February 28 - March 1, 2009

Auburn, WA

March 7-8, 2009

Seattle, WA

March 13-15, 2009

Caldwell, ID
Kennewick, WA

March 20-22, 2009

Auburn, WA

March 27-29, 2009

Rigby, ID
Moses Lake, WA
Albany, OR

April 10-12, 2009

Auburn, WA

April 24-26, 2009

Auburn, WA

May 1-3, 2009

Auburn, WA

May 8-10, 2009

Nine Mile Falls, WA

May 15-17, 2009

Auburn, WA

May 22-25, 2009

Eugene, OR
Graham, WA

May 29-31, 2009

Sequim, WA
Canby, WA

Tracking

March 1, 2009

Bow, WA
TD

March 15, 2009

Palisades, WA
TD, TDX
Portland, OR
VST

March 29, 2009

White City, OR
TD, TDX, VST

April 12, 2009

Eugene, OR
TD

April 19, 2009

Yelm, WA
TDX

April 26, 2009

Sprague, WA
TD

May 3, 2009

Rochester, WA
TD, TDX
Salem, OR
VST
Sprague, WA
TDX

May 17, 2009

Junction City, OR
TDX
Seattle, WA and Shoreline, WA
VST

Hunt Test

May 2-3, 2009

Rochester, WA

May 23-24, 2009

Rochester, WA

May 25, 2009

Fort Lewis, WA

Show Results

Greater Clark County KC, 12/6

BOB CH Bryden Fairhaven Hidalgo
CD RE NA NAJ

BOS/BOW/WB Ramblewood Evergreen
WD Springerlane's Blue's Clues

RWD Mar-Ric Sir Jackson Stonewall

RWB Alynn's Solitaire SH OA OAJ

Greater Clark County KC, 12/7

BOB CH Bryden Fairhaven Hidalgo
CD RE NA NAJ

BOS/BOW/WB Ramblewood Evergreen
WD Springerlane's Blue's Clues

RWD Mar-Ric Sir Jackson Stonewall

RWB Alynn's Solitaire SH OA OAJ

Tacoma KC, 1/9

BOB CH Cerise Signature of Telltale CD

BOS/WB Pawmarc's By Candlelight

BOW/WD Darkover Don'T Dream
It's Over

RWD Beswin Ynot Triple Play

RWB Avonleah Bewitched At
Tradewinds

Sammamish KC, 1/10

GP4/BOB CH Cerise Signature
of Telltale CD

BOS/WB Darkover N Pawmarc
Maple Sugar

BOW/WD Beswin Ynot Triple Play

RWD G&J's Navajo Spirits

RWB Kismet Pirate Treasure

Puyallup Valley DF, 1/11

GP1/BOB CH Oxbow's on to Silverado

BOS/WB Pawmarc's By Candlelight

BOW/WD Ramblewood Believe

RWD Pawmarc's Moonlight Seduction

RWB Mar-Ric Kayndee Reflections

Dog Fanciers of Oregon, 1/16

BOB CH Oxbow's On To Silverado

BOS/WB Lakeview's Bell Of The Ball

BOW/WD Segre's Brown Derby

RWD Bondir's Victorie En Vol

RWB Oxbow's Sweet Dreams

Dog Fanciers of Oregon, 1/17

BOB CH Silverhill N Hunters All In
BOS/BOW/WB Lakeview's Bell Of
The Ball

WD Lakeviews Twilight Magic

RWD Lakeview's High Rustler

RWB Ramblewood Gypsy Queen

Tualatin KC, 1/18

BOB CH Cerise Signature of Telltale CD

BOS/BOW/WB Lakeview's Bell Of
The Ball

WD Pawmarc's Intrepid Light

RWD G&J's Navajo Spirits

RWB Esspecial Over The Moon

Tualatin KC, 1/19

BOB CH Cerise Signature of Telltale CD

BOS/WB Ridgewyn Constellation

BOW/WD Lakeviews Twilight Magic

RWD Ramblewood Stardust

RWB Oxbow's Sweet Dreams

Oregon HB 2470 Targets Breeders

Please write your legislator today!

HB 2470, introduced in Oregon this week, contains strict new regulations that threaten to seriously undermine the ability to responsibly breed dogs in our state. Not surprisingly, it closely resembles HSUS anti-breeder legislation that has shown up in several other states, including neighboring Washington, so far this year. HB 2470 is sponsored by Representatives Paul Holvey and Sara Gelser and Senators Peter Courtney and Vicki Walker, and has been referred to the House Consumer Protection Committee.

NAIA supports laws that improve animal welfare, but HB 2470 appears to be nothing more than an anti-breeder bill aimed at singling out and punishing breeders with onerous and unnecessary restrictions and requirements.

The bill includes the following provisions:

Defines any breeder who sells more than 20 dogs, or 3 litters in a year as "pet dealer".

Prohibits anyone from owning, possessing controlling or otherwise having charge of more than 25 intact dogs over 4 months of age.

Imposes care and facility engineering requirements above and beyond current minimum standards of care for anyone who owns, possesses, controls or otherwise has charge of 10 or more intact dogs over 4 months of age.

Mandates record-keeping requirements and certain disclosures at time of sale.

Provides "lemon law" remedies for consumers.

Exempts shelters, veterinarians, pet stores and research facilities from new standards of care.

Although we disagree fundamentally with the overall approach taken by HB 2470, the provisions we find particularly unreasonable and harmful are its arbitrary number limits and excessive kennel standards.

Now is the time for all responsible animal owners in Oregon to contact your State Representatives with the message that HB 2470 is unnecessary, irresponsible and unfair and must not be allowed to move forward.

For more information visit this site:
www.naiatrust.org



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