



Dartboard

Newsletter of Dog Agility Racing Team

July 2012

Dog Jokes

Posted Signs:

- at Vet's office: **"Be Back in 5 Minutes. SIT! STAY!"**
.... on a home fence: **"Salesmen Welcome ... Dog food is expensive"**

Watchdogs:

A girl was visiting her blonde friend for the weekend and asked about the names of her two dogs.

The blonde responded, "Rolex" and "Timex".

Her friend said, "Whoever heard of someone naming dogs like that?"

"HellOOOooo," answered the blond. "They're watch dogs."

Summertime Living: Heat Stroke Signs (courtesy of akc.org)

We're in full swing with a beautiful summer here in southern California but do you know the signs of too much heat in your dogs? See the following article, courtesy of www.akc.org, describing canine symptoms of excessive heat with suggested treatment recommendations. Heatstroke can be the serious and often fatal result of a dog's prolonged exposure to excessive heat. Below are the signs of heatstroke and the actions you should take if your dog is overcome.

Early Stages:

- Heavy panting.
- Rapid breathing.
- Excessive drooling.
- Bright red gums and tongue.
- Standing 4-square, posting or spreading out in an attempt to maintain balance.

Advanced Stages:

- White or blue gums.
- Lethargy, unwillingness to move.
- Uncontrollable urination or defecation.
- Labored, noisy breathing.
- Shock.

Ways to cool an overheated dog:

If your dog begins to exhibit signs of heatstroke, you should immediately try to cool the dog down:

- Apply rubbing alcohol to the dog's paw pads.
- Apply ice packs to the groin area.
- Hose down with water.
- Allow the dog to lick ice chips or drink a small amount of water.
- Offer Pedialyte (children's electrolytes) to restore electrolytes.

Check your dog's temperature regularly during this process. Once the dog's temperature has stabilized at between 100 to 102 degrees, you can stop the cool-down process. If you cannot get the dog cooled down and you begin to see signs of advanced heatstroke, take the dog to the veterinarian immediately.

May 2012 Meeting notes

President Scott Lovelis called meeting to order at 5:20 P.M. at the San Dimas music store on May 21, 2012. Members present were Scott & Tracy Lovelis, Teresa Rodney, Lynn Ehrenburg, Lisa Dewey, Leslie Rudy, Shelley Permann, Gary & Lisa Jones.

May Board Reports

President: California registration renewal due on DARTDOG truck.

Vice President: Effective April 2, 2012 all current and future AKC club membership must be submitted electronically.

Treasurer: Account balance information available via online website members only access. DART allocates 10% of our trial proceeds, every trial, to charitable donations. During this past year, funds were distributed to the National Canine Cancer Foundation (canine cancer research), the Tana Foundation (a Lancaster CA based animal rescue-To Assist Needy Animals), and Hemopet (non-profit animal blood bank & advanced canine thyroid testing). If you have a non-breed specific charitable canine related organization you'd like to recommend for DART donations, contact any board member.

Newsletter: Waiting on member profile info from Gary [not any more – see Jamie's profile page]

Membership: stands at 15 members

Library: May 'Clean Run' available. Missing the Linda Mecklenburg "Developing Jumping Skills" book – please check your personal libraries and see if you might have it. ☺

Ribbons and Trophies: plenty of ribbons, new ribbons not even opened for the regional.

Old Business:

April Minutes - Lynn motioned, Tracy 2nd.

Trial Status:

USDAA April 20-22, 2012 - Southwestern USDAA Regional Wrap-up. It was a great success!!!

Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the regional trial. Judges had a good time. Many positive competitor emails. Water bottles were a big hit!! The only complaint was from the AZ people regarding running class schedule and holding the Regional Grand Prix round 2 last on Sunday.

AKC May 12 & 13, 2012 A little light on workers. Sunday judges briefing expressed being upset with lack of workers on Sat. Club could consider hiring workers (aka LT). Show seemed to run fine. However, Teresa Rodney received email from a competitor who considers DART to be a rude club.

AKC September 15 & 16, 2012

1. Show Chair - Gary Jones
2. Judges - Scott Chamberlin
3. Show Secretary & Chief Scorekeeper -
4. Chief Ring Stewards - Lynn Ehrenberg
5. Hospitality -
6. Show Site -
7. Chief Course Builder - Scott Lovelis
8. Judges Hospitality - Tracy Lovelis
9. Ribbons & Trophies - Lisa Dewey

USDAA November 17 & 18, 2012

1. Show Chair - Scott Lovelis
2. Judges - David Bozak, Greg Beck
3. Show Secretary & Chief Scorekeeper - Lisa Dewey
4. Chief Ring Steward - Shelley Permann
5. Hospitality -
6. Show Site - Santa Fe Dam
7. Chief Course Builder - Scott Lovelis
8. Judges Hospitality - Tracy Lovelis
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New Business:

Moving March 2013 USDAA Trial -- AKC Agility Nationals will be held in Tulsa OK, the same weekend (March 14-16, 2013). So DART will move our March USDAA trial (new date: Mar 30-31, 2013) and cancel April USDAA trial. Greg Fontaine will be the Masters judge. Additional judges for consideration: Paul Stolzenburg; Starters/Advanced: TBD.

Suggestions on trial improvements:

- Hiring trial workers - consider booster clubs, pay about \$700.00 per weekend (2 days)
- Send email to all exhibitors - Thank you for entering DART trials

Next Meeting: - July 21 @ 6 P.M. Scott's 50th! (*rescheduled to Aug 19th*)

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Proposed Animal & Plant Health & Inspection Service (APHIS) USDA Animal Welfare Act (AWA) regulatory changes

(Basic article courtesy of AKC, some editing done for brevity) The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) administers the federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA). The Animal Welfare Act requires certain breeders to provide basic care for dogs bred and sold as pets. Currently, "retail pet stores", which are described as those who sell a puppy directly to a final customer for use as a pet, are exempted from complying with the Act. Because of this broad wording, most small or hobby breeders are currently covered by this exemption and do not have to be licensed or regulated by the USDA.

In May 2012, Animal and Plant Health and Inspection Service (APHIS), the USDA division that is responsible for enforcing the Animal Welfare Act, proposed a new rule targeting a wide variety of breeders. The proposal will take away the "retail pet store" exemption that breeders have enjoyed if they sell a pet at retail to buyers who do not physically enter the breeder's facilities and personally observe the animals available for sale. This change could impact many individuals. ***Those most dramatically impacted would likely be the small/hobby breeders who sell relatively few dogs.*** Breeders or others who own more than four "breeding females" and sell at least one puppy to a buyer sight unseen (including over the internet, by phone, and so on) would no longer be exempted from the Animal Welfare Act. As a result, they would be required to obtain a federal license as a commercial breeder (or "dealer") and be regulated and inspected according to USDA commercial breeding kennel standards.

If adopted in its current form, the proposed rule would have many unintended consequences and create unreasonable hardships on small/hobby breeders. It would threaten both the future of a vast number of small responsible dog breeders, and the even very existence of some rare breeds in the United States. AKC promotes the welfare of all dogs, and supports and advocates for the rights of responsible dog owners and breeders. As a major stakeholder, the AKC is taking a multi-pronged approach to responding to the USDA's problematic proposal which we will submit to USDA/APHIS. AKC is preparing detailed comments regarding the many issues problems with this proposal, and we ask you to join us in expressing your concerns as well.

1. Please join by signing the petition ([Join with the AKC to protect...](#)) and ask your friends, family and colleagues to do the same. Significant numbers on this petition add to the weight of the official comments and concerns expressed, and also serve to demonstrate the major impact this proposed change could have on a large number of responsible small breeders.
2. You can also review AKC's alerts, updates and FAQs; the APHIS fact sheets and the proposed regulation and submit your own comments and concerns directly to APHIS by July 16 (***due to overwhelming response, the deadline has been extended 30 days until August 15, 2012***). For more information or assistance with doing this see [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Each of these items is important. In particular, the petition adds weight to individual comments by demonstrating the immense number of people concerned about this proposal. Individual comments educate APHIS on how this will impact responsible breeders and dog owners.

DART Dog and their owners - a chance to get to know the DART pack:



Awwww....
Male Beagle 15" (Red and White)
Hometown: Alhambra
Handler: Gary Jones
Agility Titles: AX, MXJ, NF, AD

"Jamie" (aka "Big Boy," "Red Man," "Moose")
Age: 4
Owners: Lisa & Gary Jones
Favorite Motivator: Food (he is a Beagle, after all!)
Favorite Pastime: Giving kisses (face-washes, actually!)

Jamie came to us from a Harrier breeder in Woodburn, Oregon. He was a cute little red and white pup when we drove up to pick him up, and little did we know that he would grow up to be the big guy that he is today. He is the youngest of our pack of four Beagles, and the largest by far.

Jamie absolutely LOVES agility - he gets really excited when we are getting ready to go to training class on Tuesday nights, and doubly so when we're loading up to go to a trial. He got to try lure coursing at a show-and-go about a month ago, and he had a blast! He seemed to be pretty good at it, too, tracking the lure very well.

Since Jamie was chosen for us out of a litter of four by the breeder (knowing that we were looking for a pup that was going to be a performance dog), we really weren't sure what sort of dog we were going to end up with. It didn't take long for Jamie to prove to us that the breeder did good, and that he was the absolute right choice!

Upcoming DART meetings & Show Schedule:

- **Aug 19** DART board and general meeting at the Lovelis home, 5 pm start time
- **Sept 15-16** AKC trial, USDAA trial, Grace Yokley School, Ontario CA. Scott Chamberlain judging. Entries capped at 330.
- **Nov 17-18** USDAA trial: 2 day trial, Santa Fe Dam, Irwindale, CA. Full slate of classes offered. David Bozak and Greg Beck, judging.
- **Dec ??** Holiday party @ Lovelis home.

- **Mar 30-31** USDAA trial, location Chaffee College or Santa Fe Dam? Full slate of classes, judges: Masters, Greg Fontaine, S/A: TBD.

2012/13 consolidated SoCal USDAA+ agility calendar:

- July 26-28 – DrivenDogs, Camarillo (including Friday only tourney)
- Aug 11-12 – Santa Barbara Flyers, Buellton
- **Aug 19 – DART meeting, Lovelis home, 5 pm start time**
- Aug 25-26 – SMART, Prunedale
- Aug/Sep 31-3 – Western Regional (Bay Team), Prunedale
- Oct 6-7 – Santa Barbara Flyers, Buellton
- Oct 13-14 – Happy Dog, Moorpark
- Oct 26-28 – DrivenDogs, Camarillo
- **Nov 17-18 – DART, Irwindale**
- Nov 23-25 – Happy Dog, Moorpark
- Dec 8-9 – CPAC, Fillmore
- Jan 26-27, 2013 – DrivenDogs, Camarillo
- Feb 22-24, 2013 – Southwestern Regional, Good Dog, Gilbert AZ
- Mar 30-31, 2013 – DART, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

.... 2012 USDAA nationals qualifying period cutoff: Sep 3, 2012 and USDAA nationals will be held in the Denver area, CO. 2013 USDAA nationals will be held in Murfreesboro (near Nashville) TN, Oct 23,27, 2013

Next meeting: Lovelis home, August 19th, 5 pm (rescheduled from July 22nd)

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