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Greater Shelby Kennel Club Newsletter ♦ July 2009 Edition

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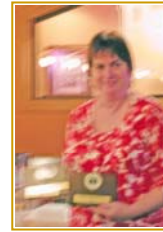
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Awards Banquet

2008 Awards

Mary Hewes Ch Forevr The Mastermind "Nero"
Ch SFL's One Smart Cookie "Cookie"



Ann Hutton Radiant Always on My Mind NA NAJ "George"

Lynne Briggs Ch Birum Woods Kicks Bass "Beckham"
Xcelerate Dangerous Pastime CD "Chatter"



Vern Harvey 2008 Member of the Year



Special Appreciation to Jamison Stone
Special Appreciation to Garrison Stone

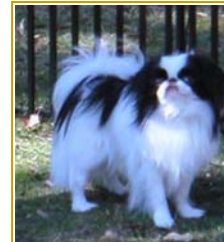
Award of Appreciation to Robin Rasmussen

Award of Appreciation to Joe Hoing



Member Spotlight

Jennifer Baumer - Japanese Chin: Zuki
So far... 2 "Best Puppy," 2 BOB,
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Welcome Jennifer; and Congratulations!

David Nutting - Bearded Collie: *Elvis* (left)
won 2 majors in OK and earned Ch
Bearded Collie: *Teddy* (right)
won 1 major in Oklahoma



Darcy Best - Dalmatian: 'N Ecko
Recently won her 2nd point



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Area Events

Conformation handling classes

GSKC recently hosted conformation handling classes; the largest number of participants to date, including numerous "Junior Handlers". The Commercial Appeal may post an article, including photo(s); going to print around July 10.

July 11 & 12 GSKC All Breed, Obedience, Rally Obedience shows And Silent Auction

All Breed Dog Show, 20th All Breed Obedience Trial (2009266001) & Rally Trial (2009266008) Saturday, July 11, 2009 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and All Breed Dog Show, 21st All Breed Obedience Trial (2009266002) & Rally Trial (2009266009) Saturday, July 12, 2009 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

An OC (Obedience C) Match, has been added for Saturday, July 12, which would start at 5:30 PM or 30 minutes after Best in Show, (if later than 5:30 PM,) and will end at 8:00 PM.

All shows indoor, at the air-conditioned City of Southaven Multipurpose Arena, 7360 Hwy 51 N, Southaven MS 38671.

Please come and enjoy these shows and visit our vendors. Stop by the Silent Auction table to bid on any number of unique items including flower arrangements. (similar to those pictured here).

Several "Puppy Rories" will be available at auction. These are puppy-shaped flower arrangements.



President's Report

Spring 2009

Fellow Members,

First of all, I want to thank Darcy Best for becoming editor of our newsletter. This much-needed Club position takes a lot of time, but helps keep members communicating with each other. She has done an outstanding job of putting together her first edition. Please assist her with this endeavor by sending her your brags and interesting news items.

In April GSKC hosted three very successful agility trials at the Shelby Showplace Multipurpose Arena. Our judges were Rob and Kandy Robinson from Dayton, OH. Not only are they highly respected judges, but they also compete regularly in agility trials, including competitions at the national level. In addition, they had extensive experience in conformation and obedience rings before they began focusing on agility. Our exhibitors complemented both judges on the easy flow of their courses. We are very pleased to report that the Robinsons will be making a return trip to our trials in 2010.

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We appreciate the assistance provided by Jackie Younker and her crew during the April agility weekend. They made rapid course changes and kept the trials moving along quickly, especially Friday when GSKC offered FAST classes. That day we learned that FAST classes are not fast. In the future we will exercise our option not to offer FAST classes.

Many members worked throughout the weekend to ensure the trials ran smoothly. Many thanks to Elaine & Wayne Beard, Lynne Briggs, Tia Flynn, David Franklin & his granddaughters (Avery, Jordan, and Samantha), Vern & Olivia Harvey, Mary & Newton Hewes, Sherry & Mike Holmes, Ann Hutton, David Nutting, Jay Stone & his two sons (Garrison & Jamison), and Pat Welden.

On July 11 & 12, we will host our conformation dog shows, obedience and rally obedience trails at the City of Southaven Multipurpose Arena. Hopefully, all members have the dates already marked on their calendars. Ann Hutton, Mary Hewes, along with Tia Flynn and Pat Welden, are gathering items for another silent auction. Please contact one of them, if you have items to donate. We will need volunteers to assist with clean-up inside and outside the building throughout the weekend, and to pitch-in wherever there might be a need. For those just beginning to exhibit their dogs, this weekend offers many opportunities to learn what goes on behind the scenes at dog shows and obedience trials.

Betsy Tolley
President

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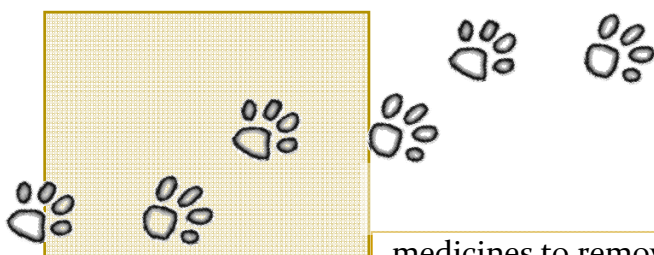
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Wheat/Gluten Sensitivity Enteropathy of Irish Setters is still present in our Breed

by Dr David Franklin

Telling my Irish Setter friends about the problems we have had for the past year, it was amazing how many have never heard of the problems we have had and the end result as to what was wrong. Out of five Irish Setter people, who I spoke to, only one heard of the problem but even she did not know that this disease was named as related to our Irish Setters.

Our problems started about one year ago, with loose stools. We ended up doing food allergy tests and found that our setter was allergic to most foods. This was not unexpected for most of our Setters over the past 30 years have had allergies. The testing group suggested any food with poultry or fish and sweet potato, so we fried fish and sweet potato food. Our setter, within a few weeks, was developing a lot of gas and still loose stools. She was placed on Flagil antibiotic to settle her GI system. In December, she had such a bad gas attack, that we ended up a Med-Vet for help at 2:30am. They X-rayed her and found gas filling her stomach and completely filling her intestines. We left her there for IV



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medicines to remove the gas, for they were worried about Bloat. Four days later, we re-visited Med Vets, for the GI specialist to check her. At this time, he also X-rayed her and all of the gas was back. Again, we left her there for another IV. At this time, we discussed biopsies to check for IBD and possible attaching her stomach to her chest wall to prevent the chance of bloat. First, we tried Flagil and Gas-X and Zantac, to see if we could control the problem. After a week, we decided to do the surgery for she was on 800 mg of Gas-X each night to control the gas problem. Once the biopsy was done, the IBD was confirmed but the Vet. Still did not understand all of the gas. He checked with 2 Vet Schools and they say to treat the IBD and if this was not successful then possible they needed to see the dog for a nutrimental problem (gluten sensitivity) Since she was over 2 years of age and the allergy test showed no problems with wheat, everyone disregarded this idea and we treated the IBD with high dosages of Prednisone and Z-D ultra food. After 4 months of this treatment and as we took her off the medicines, all symptoms started to return. Also, during this time period, we had massive weight loss. She went from 73 lb down to 56 lb, and finally got her back to 66 lbs but could not hold this. We were feeding every 2 hours 2 cups of food, which was enough food for a 100 lb dog, but she could not hold or gain weight. Also, she lost all of her hair on her rear hips, tail and across her head. She was bones with skin over the bones.

At this point the specialists here did not know what else to do, so our vet started to call others in other areas. Finally we found a specialist in Chicago, who immediately said she had a Wheat-Gluten allergy and to try a high protein/fat/gluten-grain free diet for two weeks and see what happened. Within 48 hours, she showed massive improvement and now after 5 months on this food, she is now close to 80 lbs and needs to be on a diet to lose a little weight. She has grown back hair in all areas.

We still have attacks of the IBD off and on and have to treat with prednisone for a few weeks to resolve this, but she does not have to live on this medicine. She is on a daily dosage of Flagil and Zantac, but this does not hurt her and she can be on this forever if needed.

It turns out that she has WHEAT/GLUTEN SENSITIVITY ENTEROPATHY OF IRISH SETTERS.

Once we got the name of her problem, I checked this out on an internet search and found many articles on this. It stated that they thought that the blood line that passed this problem on had been removed from the breed, but I guess this is not true. One article stated that the IBD was also one of the side effects and not to treat this alone, but use the diet change first for this may correct most problems the dog has. I have found and heard of several brands of dog foods which are grain free/gluten free which can be used.

(EVO—NATURES VARIETY—WELLNESS) ALL HAVE THIS TYPE OF FOOD.

I thought that this may be of interest and help someone out with this type of problem.

If anyone has more questions as to our experiences with this problem, please e-mail me at showdogs@prodigy.net.

Good luck to all and hope this information can help anyone having problems that match up to these with no answers from the test done.