



President's Message

Hello Carolina Working Group Members,

Oh my, it is 2015!!! I hope your holidays were filled with loved ones creating fond memories.

The Carolina Working Group Association is in full swing to do more this year, providing you can help us. We are growing in numbers and wish to include everyone in the planning of events. So if you want to be part of the team of folks that are the heart of your club, write to me:

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Our May 28, 2015 show in Concord is well underway. Thank you members for stepping up to supply Karen with sponsors for **ALL of our Best of Breed Trophies (and some others as well)!** If anyone still wants to donate Rosettes to their breed, please send me a list what you wish to offer, price (see http://www.infodog.com/ribbons/ribbon_price.pdf), and wording as you wish to see it in the premium. ALSO, we are still looking for a few specialties and supported entries, it is not too late-- have you asked your specialty club?

The board will be designating a nominating committee for selection of officers and board the end of this year. If you wish to be on the committee or hold an office, now is the time to let us know; write to me at:

cathy.rubens@gmail.com. Remember, in order to hold office you have to have been a member for a year. The Constitution and By Laws are on our website <http://carolinawga.com/>.

The plans for 2016 are getting rolling also, and in order to have our show posted for all to see, we need to get the judging panel up early. So if you have any desires for judges please email Bob Busby.

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*Our first show
Winners!*



**CWGA
Group 1
GCH A Feiner
Eros**



**Group 2
GCH Highlander's
Rumour Has It**



**Group 3
CH Mephisto's
Speak Of The
Devil**



**Group 4
GCH Skansen's
Havannah**



*Our first show
Winners!*



*Best in Puppy Sweepstakes
Dragonfly and ELOC Are Ringing
In The New*



*Best in Veteran Sweepstakes
CH Doubletake's She's Got It
RE OA OAJ CA*



CWGA
*Owner-Handler
Group 1
CH Trillium
Blue's Sweetgrass
Purple Reign*



Our first point show

(many thanks to Bob Busby for these great pics!)

A note from Linda Fowler - Chief Ring Steward:

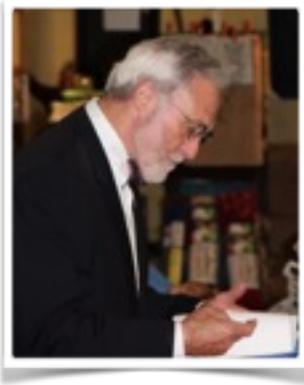
Once again, I would like to thank all who assisted with Ring Stewarding at our November show, particularly our "full time" stewards:

- * Jo Fleitas
- * Dan Fleitas
- * Linda Draper
- * Bev Eichel

Your valuable service toward keeping the activities "on time" very much contributed to the success of the show!



More show pics...



CAROLINA WORKING GROUP ASSOCIATION
congratulates its
2014 STAR Awardees

 **Robert L. & Nancy A. Vandiver** 
Knickers (Doberman)
GCH

 Skip Schnibben 
Scarlet (Doberman)
CD, RA

 **Vicky Jones** 
Elvira (Malamute)
BGCH

 **Vicky Jones** 
Fiona (Malamute)
CH

 **Vicky Jones** 
Gabe (Malamute)
CH

 **Andrea Jung** 
Crosby (Newfoundland)
RN, RA, RE

 **Andrea Jung** 
Chloe (Newfoundland)
RA

Desperately seeking...

The Club is seeking a member to be the ***Yard Sale Fundraiser Chair for the May show in Concord***. Chair would be responsible for maintaining a list of items being donated, price items unless the donor priced them, sell items during show with funds being donated to the club for expenses and/or future events. No experience necessary. Everyone would have to remove their items within 20 minutes of end of Group judging so there would be no clean up for Chair. Any items left would be trashed. Items must be in very good to like new condition and in working condition. Doggy and Non-doggy items welcome. **DESPERATELY** seeking a club member to Chair the Event! ***Volunteers, please contact Kathy at:***
kvathome@hotmail.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Ed Brown, Cane Corso (erbrown@nc.rr.com)
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Ricki Silveria, Siberian Husky (ricki.silveria@comcast.net)

Dear fellow members,

I am sad to report that on January 5th we lost fellow CWGA member Barbara Kuster. Barbara is mother to Jay Kuster, Vice President and our Show and Match chair since 2009. I have just found the funeral arrangements today, so sorry for the late notification. Barbara was a delightful person and it was always good to see her at the shows and our meetings. Our sport has lost a champion! Our sympathies to her family and friends, especially our beloved Jay and Jessica Kuster who have helped us every step of the way. Barbara was a true gem. Her keen sense of humor and commitment to dogs will be truly missed. We are all saddened deeply by this news.



In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Hospice of Lincoln County or the Saint Bernard Rescue Foundation, Inc. and Boger City United Methodist Church, Lincolnton, NC.

http://www.warlickfuneralhome.net/obits.php?subaction=showfull&id=1420557652&archive=&start_from=&ucat=

***Next CWGA Membership Meeting:
Saturday, March 28, 2015,
Concord, NC
(in the atrium, exact time TBA)***

Jack's Story *(a cautionary tale from Sherry Harman)*

We have two male Komondor puppies that we began to show in November when they turned six months old. They are Meadow View Wildcard, also known as Jack and Meadow View Winner Take All who answers to Ace. Both did very well at our show and the other shows in Concord and looked like they had promising show careers and we were looking forward to taking them out in 2015.

A problem developed on December 12, 2014. It appeared to be a normal morning. I let all the dogs out to potty and began to give them their breakfast. The two puppies, I still feed in their crates and when I went to check on them, Jack had vomited his entire meal. I didn't get overly concerned since he did not have a temperature and gums were nice and pink but decided to call my vet and give her a heads up. She said to withhold food and water for several hours and see if he vomited again. It seemed like all was fine but about 2 PM, he vomited a huge amount of water even though he had not had a drink since early morning. Scooped him up and rushed him to our vet, Dr; Jessica Ligon. She asked me if he could have eaten something and I said no, I did not think so. Gave him a shot for nausea since we had been at shows the previous weekend and it was possible that he picked up a bug. She told me to withhold food and water until the next day. Let him have a little water in the morning to see if he kept it down, which he did but he was not acting like his usual self. Back to vet at 9AM and stayed until 1PM. Again asked about whether he ingested something, which I was pretty sure he had not but we decided to do an x-ray anyway. First set showed nothing. Did another set at a different angle and that showed something. She asked me if she could take him home with her since she would be closed until Monday and did not want me to be running to the emergency vet later. She gave him barium to try and help pass whatever was inside. Called me at 5 PM and said she was taking him back to her office and open him up since it didn't seem that he would pass whatever it was. More x-rays showed that object had not moved at all. She is a young vet and asked one of her friends who is a last year vet student to help her. At 8 PM she called to say that she had taken a foot long toy from his intestines. She sent me a picture. I have no idea where he got it! We don't have toys like that. Do not know how long it had been there. The only thing that I can think of is that somehow, he got it in Concord. That was only time he wasn't with us full time. He either picked it up without me seeing or someone laid it on or near his crate and he managed to get it. Possibly, he got it at the motel and I did not see him pick it up. Luckily, the toy still had the squeaky in the tail which is what showed up in the x-ray. She took him back home and kept him with her for 4 days. We are so lucky!!! He has done great. He got his stitches out on Christmas Eve. The hardest part was trying to keep him quiet with little exercise.



(Editor's note: We had a Komondor who once pulled (but fortunately did not eat) several feet of fringe from a bedspread into her crate, from several inches away! And a Newf who ate a pair workman's gloves— owner had no idea until she started acting sick. Fortunately she barfed up the pieces. Let this be a warning, especially to those who (like most of us) cover our dogs' crates at shows— you never can tell what they might have found. And, as Sherry discovered, things can lay dormant a lot longer than one would expect before causing a potentially deadly problem!)

Some good news for a change!

Dr. Nicola Mason Bone Cancer Vaccine update

It is now over 16 months since the first dog diagnosed with spontaneous osteosarcoma received an experimental bone cancer vaccine at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine. The vaccine is being administered to pet dogs that have been diagnosed with osteosarcoma, an aggressive tumor that affects the long bones of large and giant breed dogs. With current standard of care, that consists of amputation and follow up chemotherapy, median survival times are between 200 and 300 days. The aim of the vaccine, given to dogs after amputation and chemotherapy, is to prevent metastatic disease and prolong overall survival. Of the first 5 dogs vaccinated in this clinical trial, 4 of the dogs are still alive and have survived between 500 and 590 days; three of these dogs are tumor free. Other dogs have been vaccinated more recently so long term survival data for these dogs is not yet available. "These results are really very exciting" Dr. Nicola Mason, the lead investigator on the trial explains. "They suggest that the vaccine is able to stimulate an effective anti-tumor immune response that is able to kill microscopic metastatic cells and prevent tumor recurrence in these dogs."

Importantly, the vaccine appears to be safe. Only low-grade toxicities consisting of a mild fever and occasionally one episode of vomiting the same day as vaccination have been reported. There have been no long or short-term complications observed with the vaccine. The results are highly promising and a larger phase II clinical trial is now being planned at Penn and at collaborating sites including Colorado State University and the University of Florida.

If you would like to learn more about the clinical trial, are interested in enrolling your dog, or wish to support Dr. Mason's research, visit <http://www.vet.upenn.edu/.../centers-in.../canine-cancer-studies>.

★ ★ ★ **BRAGS!** ★ ★ ★

Christine Evans' 14 month old Kom bitch, ***Ibis Icicles ("Tsula")*** was shown at the Komondor Club of America supported entry of our



show at Concord and got a ***4 pt major*** Thursday and a ***3 point major and BOB*** on Saturday!

Karen & Jerry Cole have some brags: their boy was ***Best in Sweeps*** at CWGA's first show (photo p. 3) and, in December, took ***Best of Winners*** from the 9 - 12 Month Puppy Class under judges: Mrs. Beverly Capstick and Mrs. Patti Widick Neale.



Ricki Silveria and Pipa took ***Owner-Handler Group 1*** at CWGA's first point show (photo p. 3)!



Judy Coates' home-bred boy, ***Ferncrest Triple Crown Classic V Esmond ("Luke")*** picked up ***2 four point majors*** at the Eukanuba circuit in Florida. He already had a major and he is nearly finished...all with limited showing !! He is handled by Julia Foster-Hess.

FLASH!!! Luke finished his CH with his 4th Major on the first day of the Brooksville Fl circuit!



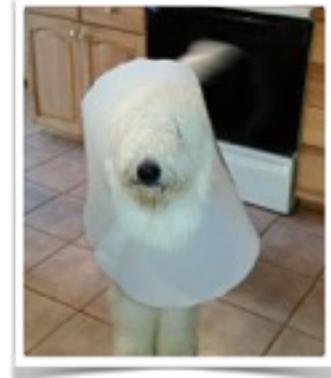
★ ★ ★ **BRAGS!** ★ ★ ★

From Sherry Harman:

Jack (in “Cone of Shame”) and Ace finished up the year in style, even if their show pics didn’t come out too well! (see Jack’s story on p. 9)

Meadow View Wildcard “Jack”

11/13/2014 (CWGA) **BW/BOS, 4 pt major**; 11/15/2014 (GMKC) **WD**; 12/6/2014 (Forsyth KC) **WD**; 12/7/2014 (Forsyth KC) **WD**



Meadow View Winner Take All , “Ace”

11/8/2014 – SMKC, **WD**
11/9/2014 – MKC, **WD**

11/14/2014 – SNCKC – **WD/BOW/BOS (3 pt major)**
and Owner-Handler Group 3

12/6/2014 – Forsyth KC – **Bred By Exhibitor Group 1**



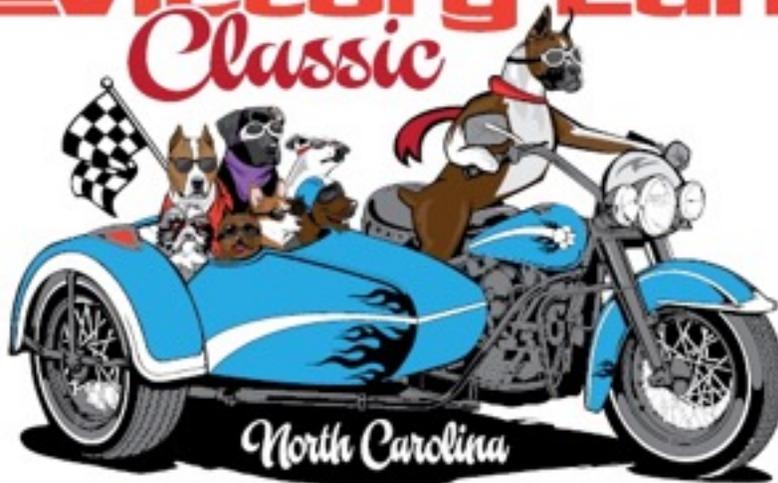
Pat & Judi Randall had the best Christmas Surprise ever! Dora, who had an absolutely, positively **NEGATIVE** ultrasound, delivered 2 fat and sassy girls (and only 24 hours before we were supposed to leave on our annual holiday trip to Texas)!



Also, we’re proud to say that Judi & Duncan (**Cru’s I’m Your Man**) picked up another point and an **Owner-Handler Group 4** at their first show of 2015 (Clemson KC)! Not bad, considering this was Judi’s first time handling him (his regular handler, Pat, was home with the new girls)!

*Don't forget our next show:
Thursday, May 28, 2015*

Victory Lane Classic



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Thursday, May 28, 2015

Salisbury NC Kennel Club

Friday, May 29, 2015

Fayetteville Kennel Club

Saturday, May 30, 2015

Salisbury NC Kennel Club

Sunday, May 31, 2015

Specialties ★ Supported Entries
Cabarrus Arena & Events Center
Hwy 49, Concord, NC

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