

Southeastern Working Group Association

Our First Match

We had a lovely turnout for our first “members only” match, held July 25, on the grounds of the Phoenix Hotel in Greenville, SC. A big thank you to co-chair persons Tammy Rabold and Karen Cole, judges Barbara Finch and Cathy Rubens, and photographer Andrea Jung (more photos inside).

Congratulations to our winners!

Best Puppy in Match

Great Dane, bred by Lorraine Rainwater



Best Adult in Match

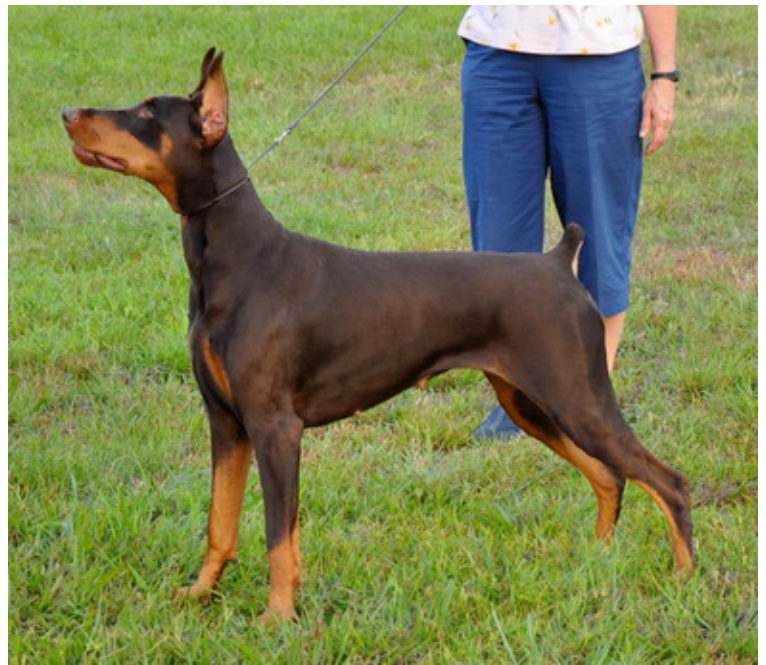
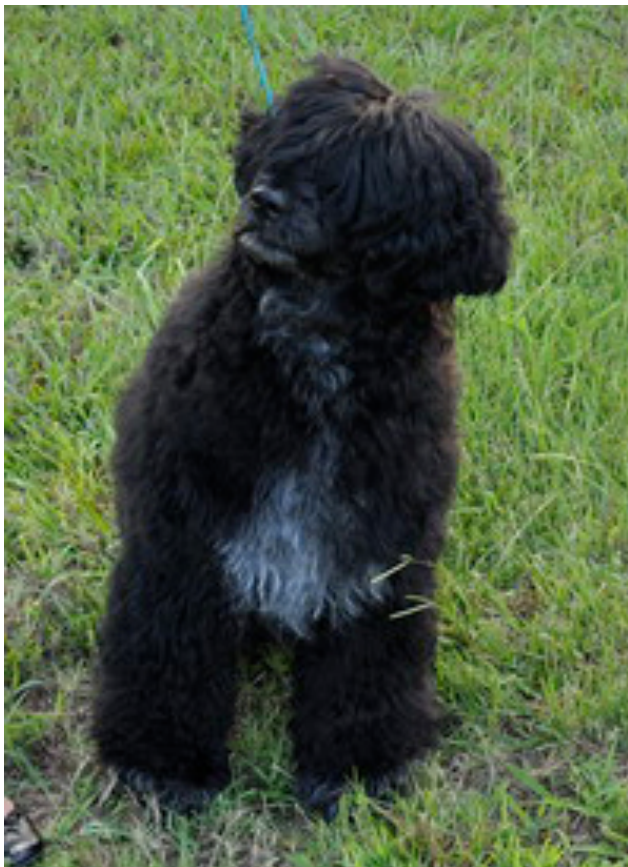
Doberman, bred by Bob Vandiver



MATCH PHOTOS!

by Andrea Jung









Special General Membership Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2009

Grounds of Greensboro, NC K.C. Show

Attendance sheet was passed around and 13 members were present and 1 guest, Mari-Beth O'Neill.

Barbara Finch called the meeting to order at 2:15pm. She called for a motion to approve the minutes that were distributed by email by the Recording Secretary, Judith Smith. Vicky East motioned, seconded by Sharon Pflueger, passed unanimously to approve as written.

Corresponding Secretary Report - Cathy Rubens reported that the standing rules were sent to be reviewed by the board.

Report of the Treasurer – Bob Busby gave a report on our finances and left a copy of the bank statement for archival.

Report of Committee Chairpersons:

Membership - Karen distributed the membership renewal form and the revised membership application that she had prepared for comment and suggestion.

Match – na

Newsletter – Barb gave a newsletter update and said that the next issue will be in October as this will be a quarterly newsletter.

New Business:

September meeting – Following discussion Barb indicated that the meeting will be Sunday after BIS

and the membership will be formally notified by email 10 days to a week ahead. The date time and meeting place is important.

Application to AKC-

- Jerry showed the online form letter of intent that AKC indicated we need to submit asap. Judy will file this separately ahead of our application.
- There was a suggestion that the application binder be reviewed by the board prior to submission. Copies of the application binder will be sent to each board member.
- The club name is not acceptable to AKC. Suggestions for names are to be sent to Cathy Rubens cathy@silverhillrottweilers.com which will be voted on at the September meeting to prioritize a list of names to submit to AKC Jerry motioned and Bob seconded, passed unanimously.
- Standing Rules The board needs to review and get resolutions to committee which will get the final document to the board. Bob motioned, Cathy seconded, passed unanimously.
- It was brought up that there are several items in the AKC booklet that our club needs to have in place for the application. People volunteered/were assigned to these as follows:
Breeder Referral – Vicky East
Program of Activities – Robert Vandiver
Public Education Coordinator– Andrea Jung
- The applicable statutes for states we may need to be reviewed (see page 8 of the AKC booklet) will be looked into by Barb.
- We should be ready to submit following the September meeting.
The need to appoint a nominating committee and set dues for the coming year at the September meeting according to the C&BLs was brought up. Jerry suggested that we record meetings to help with the secretary capture of all items.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jerry Cole and seconded by Andrea Jung, all in favor - 2:57p.m. meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathleen A. Rubens., Corresponding Secretary

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Sept 6, 2009

State Fairgrounds Complex
Jim Graham Bldg. 1025 Blue Ridge Rd.,
Raleigh N.C. 27607

The meeting was called to order at 5:48 p.m. by President Barbara Finch. A sign in sheet for members and guests was passed around and the recording secretary advised the President that a quorum was present.

Guest Introduction – The President asked our guests to stand up and introduce themselves and give some background of the activities you're involved in with your dogs.

Minutes – Correction of minutes from the last meeting were sent out by the Corresponding Secretary, Cathy Rubens. Bob Vandiver made a motion to accept as corrected and this was seconded by Jerry Cole.

Treasurer's Report – In Bob Busby's absence, Recording Secretary Judith Smith advised the membership that the balance in our account was \$1898.61. There were no disbursements nor was there income.

Club Name – Barbara Finch discussed that the Board had whittled down the 14 suggested names to three and presented the name to be submitted to AKC. The names were put in order of preference and they are: Carolinas Working Group Assoc.,

Catawba Working Group Assoc., and Piedmont Working Group Association.

Constitution and ByLaws – Once the Board has approved the final copy of the revised CBL, a copy will then be mailed to the membership at least 14 days before the scheduled December Membership Meeting in Winston Salem on December 4, 2009. Then these CBL would have to be voted upon at the December meeting with approval requiring 2/3 affirmative vote by the members in attendance. These CBL once approved by the membership, will be added to the material which we will be submitting to AKC for recognition. The material which will be sent to AKC will be reviewed in depth by Barbara Finch, Andrea Jung and Jerry Cole.

Standing Rules - Once we have the final draft of our CBL, the Standing Rule Committee consisting of Barbara Finch, Bob Vandiver and Cathy Rubens will review the Standing Rules and the new CBL and make certain they are in alignment. These Standing Rules will not be included in the material we are sending to AKC for Club recognition.

Nominating Committee - The Board has appointed the following people to be on the nominating committee: Linda Fowler as Chair, Ken Dessault, Carl Vitner and the alternate will be Doug Toomey. They will report to Board of their findings for officers and Board members by the middle of October. Then if the Recording Secretary has received no other petitions for nominations from the floor, the officers and board members will be duly elected and the turnover of these positions will take place at the Annual Meeting in December.

Annual Meeting - Barbara reminded us that our Annual Meeting will be Friday evening, December 4, 2009 at the Winston Salem shows. The dinner will be "potluck" with a possible meat dish

purchased by the Club, and we will find space in the show building to accommodate our needs.

Application for Membership – Judith Smith, Recording Secretary advised some of our guests who were completing the application for membership at this meeting, that if the new CBL is approved, this will shorten the time to be admitted to our Club. The Board has to approved the application and then the application for

membership will also be published in our newsletter per the new CBL.

Motion to Adjourn – Motion was made by Jerry Cole and seconded by Vicki East to adjourn this meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Judith Ann Smith
Recording Secretary

Calling all Dogs by Maggie Blutreich, CPDT

Let's honestly admit that there have been times when we've called our dogs to come to us and been either completely ignored or given a Robert DeNiro, "You talkin' to me?" response. This is not a huge behavior problem so long as our dogs come to us when we call them, the first time we call them, at least 99% of the time. Fortunately for all concerned, this is relatively easy to teach. Ideally, we'll begin teaching come when called (recall) as soon as Sprite comes to live with us. Let's start indoors where there are very few distractions. We can also stack the deck in Sprite's favor by beginning recall teaching at meal time. That way we have all the right stuff: a hungry dog, food for that hungry dog and very few distractions.

Dish up Sprite's regular meal. The odds are that he will have already arrived at just the sound of the kibble rattling. Leave the dog food bowl on the kitchen counter. Take a handful of that kibble and walk to the other side of the room and call the dog. He will almost certainly come to you which means you can praise him and give him three or four pieces of kibble. Repeat. Repeat. Repeat.

It will take about five minutes to feed Sprite his entire supper this way: as training paychecks

for coming when called. Plan to surprise him with an occasional bit of cheese or salad crouton instead of the kibble.

Add other family members to the game so Sprite will get in the habit of coming to whomever calls him. Remember to decide ahead of time what words or phrases you are going to use so every household member calls Sprite using the same words. This simple game can evolve into hide and seek with Sprite needing to locate the person calling from other areas of the house. There are no leashes involved.

When Sprite is 99% perfect indoors, plan to move the recall game into a safely fenced area at a time of day where there are few distractions. Begin as if you have never taught him this behavior. In other words, don't expect him to translate his indoor recall skills to the out of doors without a lot of practice. (If you have no safely fenced area, you might want to buy a cone of stout nylon mason's twine to create a really long lead at very little expense.)

If your main concern is to call Sprite back into the house from the out of doors you might consider associating a sound with your recall. One noise maker we use at home is a child's tricycle horn, the "Clarabelle Clown" horn that

toots when the bulb is squeezed. A referee's whistle is another option. We generally start this conditioning process out of doors about 15 feet away from the dog by making the noise (which certainly gets the dog's attention!) and then tossing a few bits of kibble to him.

Gradually, lengthen the distance Sprite needs to come running toward you in order to gobble up his tossed paychecks. Your end goal is to be able to open your door, give the sound cue, and have Sprite bolt into the house in record time where he will find a handful of kibble waiting for him. This recall behavior can be fine tuned to the point where Sprite not only comes at least 99% of the time, but goes straight into his crate or dog bed area the minute he comes indoors.

Since we have more than one dog, door and fenced area, we have three different recall sound cues: a large tricycle horn that makes a deep toot, a smaller shrill horn to accommodate the 13 year old dog's diminished hearing and a big cow bell for the dogs that have the largest fenced space.

One nice side benefit of taking the time to teach a 99% recall is that any new dog you might add to your household will learn the recall routine in record time; it's simply socially facilitated behavior.

If you need to have your dogs come to you 100% of the time, let me suggest the Really Reliable Recall protocols by Leslie Nelson whose booklet and DVD on the subject are both available from 800-776-2665

Upcoming Events

Friday, December 4, 2009:

Annual Membership Meeting & Dinner, in conjunction with the Winston-Salem, NC shows. Exact time and location TBA

Next newsletter: Jan. 15, 2010

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