



President's Message

Happy summer to everyone! Hope you are able to keep yourselves and dogs cool during this heat (*see article, p. 7*).

Our club is planning our second B match for Friday, Nov. 19, 2011, in Concord, NC. Mark your calendars and contact our chair, Jay Kuster, immediately (jessicabk@live.com, ph: 704-740-9113) if you have not yet done, so to find how you can help! He was looking for judges and committee heads last I heard.

Just knowing that you will be there to help will be comforting.

Our club is continuing to try to attract new members. In 2013, providing all goes well, we will be applying to AKC and will need to meet the membership requirements at that time.

Jerry Cole is working on the awards program and John Schoeneman is working on ways and means. If you have any ideas for these projects or that would attract new members, please share with us.

Keep your dogs cool and see y'all ringside.

Cathy Rubens



*Vicki & Billy taking care of the BBQ
(see inside for more photos)*

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Asheville Picnic

After a short special meeting, Vicki & Billy East hosted a wonderful picnic at their motorhome. The Easts provided the burgers, hotdogs, and soft drinks, and members donated side dishes and desserts. There was a very nice turnout-- about 30 people (members and guests) enjoyed the good food and good weather (no hail this time)!



*Thanks again,
Vicki & Billy!!!*

General Membership Meeting Minutes April 9, 2011 Charlotte, NC

The meeting was called to order by Cathy Rubens, President at 5:33 PM.

People present were asked to introduce themselves and their breed.

Recording Secretary's Report - The motion to accept the minutes as written from the February Meeting held in Greenville, SC was made by Jerry Cole and seconded by Jay Kuster. Motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report – On behalf of Bob Busby's. Karen Cole presented the following report.

The ending balance February 15, 2011 was \$6819.50. The following income was reported: Match Income \$134.00 Entries, Raffle Income \$196 (Donated by Cathy Rubens), and Cone Sales \$20.00. The disbursements were: Hodge Badge Company \$158.00 (Match Ribbons), Tapco Insurance Company \$312.50 (Insurance) and Website Rental \$226.65. Current Balance \$6471.26.

Match Report – Jay Kuster, match chair reported on the Match and thanked everyone for helping him make it a great success. There were a few little things that needed to be corrected before the next match. He read the match letter from the AKC. The letter is attached to these minutes.

At this point the meeting was interrupted for a brief period of time due to a hail storm that made it impossible to hear.

Website – Bob Vandiver once again asked for breed presentations for the website.

The Doberman and bullmastiff breeds were complete but others have not submitted their breed to Bob.

Newsletter – It was brought to the attention of the membership that the Board had added advertising to be included in the Newsletter.

The board suggested prices are:

Free brag ads to all members of CWGA

Full page ad \$25

Half page ad \$15

Quarter page ad \$10

Business card ad for 4 issues of the newsletter \$20

Classified ad \$5 for 20 – 30 characters.

Judi will put these prices and some explanation of the ads in the April Newsletter.

Judi Randall, Karen Cole and Jessica Kuster will be working on guidelines for the Newsletter to be added to the Standing Rules.

Ringside Breed Mentors – Lou Guthrie made the suggestion to put a section on the Website with information for people needing mentoring. She suggested putting a list of Approved Breed Mentors and AKC approved mentors on the website. After a brief discussion it was decided to put a notation on the website that if anyone needed mentoring that they needed to contact Lou.

The next meeting will be held in Asheville, NC on June 11, 2011. There will be a cook out at the East motor home. The Board Meeting for June would be a teleconference. Motion to Adjourn was made by Jerry Cole and seconded by Bob Sizemore. Unanimous vote to adjourn.

Respectively submitted by

Karen Cole Recording Secretary

MEMBERS PRESENT (amended*)

Dan Fleitas
Jo Fleitas
Beverly Eichel
Barbara Finch
Pat Randall
Judi Randall*
Lynne Sizemore
Bob Sizemore
Sally Cummings
Kathy Toomey

Terri Cogdill
Angie Sutler
Pat Sutler
Jerry Cole
Karen Cole
Jay Kuster
Bob Vandiver
Andrea Jung
Cathy Rubens

(minutes approved as amended, 6/11/11)



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CLUB RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

March 30, 2011

Jay Kuster, Match Secretary
Carolina Working Group Association
1772 Cameron Road
Lincolnton, NC 28092

Dear Mr. Kuster:

The material submitted concerning your club's Plan B only sanctioned match results on March 12th, 2011 has been received and examined. This material is acceptable and will be made part of your club's file.

However, for future reference please refer to the dog show rules Chapter 7 Section 1 regarding judges: "No judge may accept an assignment nor officiate at any event where a member of his or her household is involved to the extent that there might exist an actual conflict of interest or the reasonable appearance of a conflict of interest."

Sincerely,

Club Relations

NORTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF DOG CLUBS
April 16, 2011, Meeting Reports

Steve Wallis called the 4/16/11 meeting of the board to order at 12:15 p.m. Also attending: Jack Sappenfield, Chuck Adams, Maggie Blutreich, Judy Coates.

Officers' reports were requested. Secretary, Maggie Blutreich, presented applications from the Blue Ridge CKCS Club, the Carolina Terriers' Association, and the Raleigh-Durham Labrador Retriever Club. All paperwork being in order, the consensus of the board was to recommend the delegate body vote to accept these applications.

Treasurer, Chuck Adams, presented his report. (attached to hard copy) The report from the March 12 Canine Experience in Charlotte was presented. Hard copy of this report will also be available at the July meeting.

Steve Wallis spearheaded a legislative update. It is productive to build and maintain working relationships among the NCVMA, the Sporting Dogs Ass'n, the NCFDC, the Agri Business Council. Chuck Adams suggested the possibility that contributions to the legislative fund from member clubs could be based on their numbers of members. Member clubs are requested to contribute information on their activities, articles of general interest, upcoming matches, seminars, etc. Tall Tails is sent as a pdf to NCFDC Delegates to share with their respective members. Contact editor, Kim Blutreich, by e-mail at minoan-kim@carolina.rr.com

There was discussion on finding a host club in order to present a "mighty fun match" to benefit the legislative fund. It was also the board's consensus to ask for input from the delegate body on forming a Ways and Means Committee. There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 12:50 p.m.

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After an interesting program on thunderstorm phobia presented by Dr. Barbara Sherman of the NCSU-CVM, Mr. Wallis called the NCFDC Delegates' Meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. welcoming everyone and reminding those present to sign the attendance sheet. (attached to hard copy) A quorum was present.

Secretary's Report: The report of the previous meeting was approved as distributed. Maggie Blutreich presented the paperwork and applications for membership to NCFDC from Blue Ridge CKCS Club, the Carolina Terriers' Association, and the Raleigh-Durham Labrador Retriever Club. These applicants were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Adams presented the report to date. (attached to hard copy) He reported that NCFDC is on good footing for the year 2011, but that future funds will be needed. Discussion ensued on this topic: the NCFDC Associate Membership campaign is contributing to the legislative fund. It was decided that more applications should be made available (enclosed with hard copy) and that these should be produced less expensively. In general, hiring professional lobbyists has been very productive.

Legislation issues: Steve Wallis outlined several pending legislation issues: Chamberlain's Law is being proposed in 2011, which would 1.) put ear cropping, tail docking and dew claw removal under "torture" 2.) change the term from intentional to reckless under "abuse" and 3.) outlaw barrels as suitable shelter.

- Hog lagoon phase out is another topic likely to come up as well as confinement for swine, poultry and veal calves.
- An Animal Welfare Committee is also being proposed that would be in place to advise animal control agencies statewide as well as to create a fund for pet spay/neuter sterilizations. In addition, a Forsyth County Senator is keen on a breeder licensing bill.
- The excellent idea for NCFDC to hold a lobby day (with well-behaved dogs and people) was put on hold -- the thinking being that a minimum of 200 couples would be needed to make the most impact.
- Another idea is to cosponsor a dinner with legislators.
- On the local level, Judy Coates reported on her successes and frustrations in serving on the Waxhaw, NC committee to form a Dog Control Ordinance in the wake of the tragic mauling death of a five-year-old Union County girl.

New Business: Fund raising was discussed at length. It was mentioned that clubs could donate fifty cents per entry from their event income to NCFDC. The Associate Membership program was also mentioned as a fund raiser. Beth Verner moved with Judy Coates seconding that NCFDC form a Ways and Means Committee. (passed) Finding venues to hold fund raising matches was also discussed with two possibilities: November in Winston-Salem hosted by the Furniture City Kennel Club and/or November in Concord hosted by that cluster. There being no further business, Chuck Adams moved with Jack Sappenfield seconding to adjourn at 3:20 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Maggie Blutreich, NCFDC Secretary

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Mark Your Calendars for the Next Meeting!

Saturday, July 16, 2011

The officers and board meeting convenes at 12:00 noon. The delegates' meeting is set for 1:00 p.m. Location: NCSU-CVM, Raleigh, NC in the Research Building, ground floor (roughly across the drive from the parking area of the Iam's Imaging Center)

Time permitting, an added attraction at the July 16 meeting will be stimulating and colorful recaps of what actions various delegates took upon trying to leave the April meeting amid sirens and loud speaker warnings of the approaching tornados.

Dog Heatstroke Survival Guide

This very timely article has recently appeared on several dog email lists. ***Disclaimer: this article is NOT intended to substitute in any way for proper veterinary care!***

What is heatstroke?

In simple terms, heatstroke occurs when a dog loses its natural ability to regulate its body temperature. Dogs don't sweat all over their bodies the way humans do. Canine body temperature is primarily regulated through respiration (i.e., panting). If a dog's respiratory tract cannot evacuate heat quickly enough, heatstroke can occur.

To know whether or not your dog is suffering from heatstroke (as opposed to merely heat exposure), it's important to know the signs of heatstroke.

A dog's normal resting temperature is about 100.5 to 102.5 degrees Fahrenheit. Once a dog's temperature rises above 105 degrees, physiological changes start to take place, and the dog begins to experience the effects of heatstroke. At 106 to 108 degrees, the dog begins to suffer irreversible damage to the kidneys, liver, gastrointestinal tract, heart and brain.

If a dog is experiencing heatstroke, you may observe excessive panting; hyperventilation; increased salivation; dry gums that become pale, grayish and tacky; rapid or erratic pulse; weakness; confusion; inattention; vomiting; diarrhea; and possible rectal bleeding. If the dog continues to overheat, breathing efforts become slowed or absent, and finally, seizures or coma can occur.

The amount of damage a dog sustains when stricken with heatstroke depends on the magnitude and duration of the exposure. The longer and more severe the exposure, the worse the damage will be.

What to do:

1. Pay attention to your dog. Recognizing the symptoms of heatstroke and responding quickly is essential for the best possible outcome.
2. Get into the shade. If you think your dog is suffering from heatstroke, move it into a shaded area and out of direct sunlight. Apply cool (not cold) water to the inner thighs and stomach of the dog, where there's a higher concentration of relatively superficial, large blood vessels. Apply cool water to the foot pads, as well.
3. Use running water. A faucet or hose is the best way to wet down your dog's body. Never submerge your dog in water, such as in a pool or tub-- this could cool the dog too rapidly, leading to further complications, including cardiac arrest and bloating.
4. Use cool - not cold - water. Many people make the mistake of using cold water or ice to cool the dog. When faced with a dog suffering from heatstroke, remember that the goal is to cool the dog.

- Using ice or extremely cold water is actually counterproductive to this process because ice and cold water cause the blood vessels to constrict, which slows blood flow, thus slowing the cooling process.
5. Don't cover the dog. One of the keys to successfully cooling your dog is ensuring the water being placed on the dog can evaporate. Never cover an overheated dog with a wet towel or blanket. This inhibits evaporation and creates a sauna effect around your dog's body. Likewise, don't wet the dog down and put it into an enclosed area, such as a kennel. Any air flow during the cooling process is helpful in reducing the dog's body temperature. Sitting with the wet dog in a running car with the air conditioner blowing is an ideal cooling situation.
 6. Keep the dog moving. It's important to try to encourage your dog to stand or walk slowly as it cools down. This is because the circulating blood tends to pool in certain areas if the dog is lying down, thus preventing the cooled blood from circulating back to the core.
 7. Allow the dog to drink small amounts of water. Cooling the dog is the first priority. Hydration is the next. Don't allow the dog to gulp water. Instead, offer small amounts of water that's cool, but not cold. If the dog drinks too much water too rapidly, it could lead to vomiting or bloat.
 8. Avoid giving human performance drinks. Performance beverages designed for humans are not recommended because they are not formulated with the canine's physiology in mind. If you can't get an overheated dog to drink water, try offering chicken- or beef-based broths.
 9. See a veterinarian

Once your dog's temperature begins to drop, cease the cooling efforts and bring the dog to a veterinarian as soon as possible. Your dog's temperature should be allowed to slowly return to normal once cooling has begun. A dog that's cooled too quickly may become hypothermic.

Even if your dog appears to be fully recovered, the veterinarian needs to check to determine if the heatstroke caused any damage to your dog's kidneys and liver. The effects of heatstroke can continue for 48 to 72 hours longer, even if your dog appears normal.

William Grant, DVM, a veterinarian for 20 years and former president of the Southern California Veterinary Medical Association, has treated hundreds of cases of heatstroke, ranging from mild to fatal.

According to Grant, the most common cause of death following heatstroke is disseminated intravascular coagulopathy (blood coagulating throughout the body), or DIC, which can occur hours or days after the heatstroke episode.

DIC can also be caused by pyometra or septicemia, but Grant says heatstroke is the most common cause. "Once a dog develops DIC, it may bleed in the thorax, abdomen, nose and intestine," Grant says. "Once the blood-clotting factors are consumed, there is an inability of the blood vessels to prevent leaking; the condition is almost always fatal." For this reason, follow-up veterinary care is essential following a heatstroke episode, even if your dog seems to be completely fine.

Prevention is the best medicine

The best treatment for heatstroke is prevention. Especially during the summer months, it's essential to be aware of the potential for heatstroke. Knowing the signs of heatstroke, and taking the necessary steps to prevent it, will ensure your dog can have a safe and active life year-round.

Classifieds

(Publication does not imply endorsement of any product or service.)

Welcome to the the new “classified” section of our newsletter! In the original (Board approved) rate for classified ads (items for sale, wanted or offering services), I wrote “\$5 per 20-30 characters.” I meant to write “\$5.00 per 20-30 words!” This policy is still evolving, and will need to be discussed at the next board meeting. In the meantime, for the (32 word) ad below (the only one submitted for this issue), I will be sending a payment of \$10- \$5 for the first 30 words, and \$5 for the the next 30 (or part thereof).

Judi Randall, Editor

Used Jog-A-Dog (“large”): motor works, tread needs to be realigned (or replaced). \$500 or best offer. Photos available on request. Must pick up (SW of Charleston, SC). crunewfs@comcast.net (Pat & Judi Randall).

Reminders:

*****Our website Breed Profile section is still mighty thin... If your breed is not there yet, please take a look at the format and please send a short write-up and a photo to our webmaster, Bob Vandiver (rlvandiver@charter.net).***

*****If you are a Breed Mentor, or are looking to be mentored, please let Lou Guthrie know (roughseaspwds@aol.com).***



Steven and Terri Cogdill, *Watchtower Bullmastiffs*, Cherryville, NC:

CH Tarheel's Showgirl Lola CGC earned a 5 point Grand Championship major in Gray, TN in May and a 3 point Grand Championship major in Asheville, NC in June. Lola is owned, loved and handled by Steven and Terri.

Andrea Jung, Cornelius, NC:

Chloe, aka **CH Kilyka's Firefly CDX RN, NCA WD (Water Dog) and DD (Draft Dog)** made it into the NCA's Top 20 Obedience, at #6, and was honored, along with rest of the Top 10 at the National Specialty in May. Chloe was also #8 Newf in the Front & Finish First & Foremost ranking system for 2010 (dogs shown in Open & Utility only)!!!

Pat & Judi Randall, *Cru Newfoundlands*, Hollywood, SC have a whole bunch of brags!

We have a new Champion!!! **Bear N Mind's To The Max** (Maxine) finished at the Sunday Asheville! "Mini-Max" has had many wonderful handlers, but in the end, it was with Pat that she earned all of her points.

We have our first Grand Champion!!! **CH Cru's Instant Karma** (Karma) picked up 2 more GCH majors in Asheville, to finish her GCH. Karma is our latest BBE Champion, finishing at last year's Piedmont show. We will be taking her to Orlando in December.

Also, we just found out that George, **CH Bear N Mind Cru's Guitar George CDX RE** (and Maxine's littermate) squeaked into the NCA's Top 20 Obedience Dogs (all levels combined) at #20, *and* was tied for #10 Newf in the Front & Finish/First & Foremost. George is our first-ever CDX, and first ever nationally ranked obedience dog!

Last, but not least: **Pat** was elected **President of the Newf Club of America** at our National Specialty in April!!!

Next CWGA Meeting

The next regular membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 3, 2011, in Raleigh during the Tarheel cluster. We will meet in the auditorium 30 minutes following BIS.