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Presidents Message

OCRRC hosted another successful and well received Regional Specialty in April. Thanks to show chair Cory Bowers and his crew of workers all in attendance had a great time. The new show grounds worked well and next year we are promised a prime location on the same grounds. We hope to add Rally Obedience to our event next year. So start getting your Rally dogs ready!

Next is our Specialty Lure Coursing trial in Santa Maria Friday, July 25th. This is before the all-breed conformation shows in Lompoc over the weekend. Cory Bowers is organizing this event as the 2nd annual since last year's was such a success. We hope to have enough entries to allow for multiple majors. So come up to beautiful Santa Maria/Lompoc for a great weekend of coursing and conformation.

Then plan on a fun day in Costa Mesa at Tewinkle Park Saturday August 30th. We are offering a program teaching Canine CPR, food and drinks

aplenty, and perhaps a photographer to get some pre-holiday photos of you and your Ridgebacks. More details will be provided. October will see OCRRC hosting an all breed Agility Match. Finally, sometime in November, we will hold a B-OB match. We don't want you and your pack getting lazy.

Summer is here so we all need to take extra precautions when traveling and competing with our Ridgebacks. Bring lots of water for the dogs and you, cool towels and water spray bottles, shade cloths, umbrellas, portable fans if you have them. If you must leave the dogs in your vehicle by all means find shade and provide plenty of ventilation. Parking structures are a God send during the summer.

Enjoy the dog days with your friends and pooches,

Catherine Schock

Thyroid Avenues

There is no doubting that thyroid issues have drawn much attention in the dog world. And we would all have to admit, whether you do it silently to yourself or out loud with others, that the rate of abnormal thyroids within our breed has increased over the years. Thyroid testing in the Ridgeback was not done consistently, if at all, in the earlier days, so the "increase" in thyroid problems can be subjectively argued. Regardless, this article is not meant to debate the validity of increased detection. Instead, I have penned this article to set the record straight on the two major avenues that most breeders choose to present their dog's test results by: OFA and MSU. Is a test result from one any better than the other? The information that follows has been extracted directly from the websites of these organizations so that you, the dog public, will be educated on the requirement of both OFA and MSU when screening for a "normal" thyroid panel.

See Page 8 for more details

Club Announcements

OCRRC Lure Coursing Specialty needs your help. Please contact Cory Bowers at cjsranch@gmail.com to volunteer to support this event.

General Meeting Dates:

August 30th Fun Day At TeWinkle Park in Cost Mesa.

November 13th @ CoCo's Restaurant in Brea. Mtg. Starts at 8:00 pm.

Board Meeting Dates:

Sept 11th @ CoCo's Restaurant.. Mtg. Starts at 8:00 pm.

Dec 11th @ CoCo's Restaurant in Brea. Mtg. Starts at 8:00 pm.



Special Events

OCRRC Lure Coursing Specialty Friday July 25th in Santa Maria. This event will be held in conjunction with an IWHC all-breed Lure Coursing on Thursday the 24th. Both days will be preceded by the Lompoc 2-day show.

OCRRC Fun Day will be held on August 30th at TeWinkle Park in Costa Mesa.

OCRRC AKC Sanctioned Agility Match. Mark your calendars for October 4th at TeWinkle Park in Costa Mesa.

ARRF Fall Fun Day & Match on Saturday October 11th. More information to follow.....

Cookie Goes To.....

There are many special people within the OCRRC Organization that go beyond their daily routine to do nice things for the RR breed AND the ones that love the breed. We'd like to salute the efforts of these people with their own round of applause. So for all of you - this space is your space.....

- Do You Know Someone Who Should Be Recognized?

Please send your member accolades to rambles.news@gmail.com



In The Whelping Box...

May 16th—DC Choctaw Ridge Makenna of Ridgelea ("Makenna") x BVISS Ch RiverCity's Travlin Man JC ("Travis") is proud to announce this litter of 6 girls and 6 boys. *Congratulations to Brian and Vicky Swink. (photo included)*



July 8th—Ch RiverCity's That Girl ("Marlo") x Ch Primetime's Raizuli's Never Say Never CD ("Raizuli") are proud to announce this upcoming litter. *Congratulations to Troy Abney.*

July 9th—MBIF DC Pheron's Sanyati of Kariba CD,LCX,MX,MXJ,MC,RE,HIC,TT,CGC,VCX ("Sanyati") x BVIS BIS Ch Ridgelea's Shakar Viken, ROM ("Bidoux") are proud to announce this upcoming litter. *Congratulations to Mike Miller.*

OCRRC Top Ten Snapshot For 2008

Conformation

Ch Pupukearidge Ikaika O Sprngvly	B&T Peach/P Lambie/Mc Kinnon	718
Ch Of Afrikka Spring Valle Dorian Gray	C Wistrom	332
Ch Primetime's Kiss This	J. Belchamber	119
Ch RiverCity's Nasiriyah	T. Abney/M. Davis	87
Ch Of Afrikka Sprngvly Joliba of Kamari, JC	C Wistrom/B&D Drastrup	49
Ch Lamarde Perro Can't Get No Satisfaction	L. McCracken	44
Avalona Crowned Jewel Of CJ's Ranch	C & J Bowers	43
DC Manzanita Double Espresso SC, LCX	L. Valdivia/ A. Valdivia	40
Oakhurst Gamble On Me	B & R Rupert	36
Ch Redskyes Heartsonfire Dimond Girl JC	N&D Brandewie/Cannon & Driza	34

AKC Lure Coursing

DC Pupukea Ridge Kekoa Koneli, SC	C Bowers / T Peach	64
Ch Redskyes Heartsonfire Dimond Girl, SC	Brandewie/Driza/Cannon	20
Ch Stardusts Cracklin Rosie, SC	Adomian/Wittl e	16
FC Scarlet's Wild Child, SC, CD, RN	J&K Gysler	14
Ch Of Afrikka Airborne Envoy, SC	Wistrom	12
DC Wyndrunhr Sunni Skyes of God, MC	Brandewie/Driza/Cannon	12
DC Manzanita's Double Espresso, SC	Valdivia	10
Manzanita's Hat Tricks, SC	Valdivia	8
Ch Stardust on Rodeo Dr, SC	Adomian/Wittl e	8
Ch Manzanita Just One Look, MC, LCX	Valdivia	7
Ch Redskyes Sun Daze, SC	Brandewie/Driza/Cannon	6
Ch RiverCity's PT Cruiser, SC	Abney	4
Int'l/Na/AmDC RiverCity's Nalu Kai, AX,AXJ,RE,HIC,CGC,VC	L. Adams	4

Agility

MBIF DC Pheron's Sanyati of Kariba CD,LCX,MX,MXJ,MC,RE,HIC,TT,CGC,VCX	M&S Miller	148
Int'l/Na/Am DC RiverCity's Nalu Kai SC,RE,NAP,NJP,AX,AXJ,HIC,CGC,VC	L. Adams	72
RiverCity's Above The Rim, XJ,RF,RFP,NJP	K. Zimmer & T.Abney	48

A Round of Applause, Please!

Here's a look at what some of our members have accomplished recently.

4/11/08 @ OCRRC Specialty **Ch RiverCity's Travlin Man, JC,ROM** ("Travis") won Best Veteran In Show Special (BVISS), proudly owned by Troy Abney.

4/11/08 @ OCRRC Specialty **DC Manzanita Double Espresso, SC** ("Rowan") won Best Opposite Sex (BOS). THEN won Award of Merit both April 12th and 13th at the Hound Classic shows, proudly owned by Lyn and Art Valdivia.

4/11/08 @ OCRRC Specialty, **RiverCity's Eat This, Adam JC** ("Eve") won Winners Bitch, proudly owned by Troy Abney, Olga & Leila Bicos.

4/11/08 @ OCRRC Specialty, **Primetime's Red Hot N Ready** ("Cajun") won Best Opposite Sex in Puppy Sweeps, proudly owned by Troy Abney and Ted Pappas.



4/12/08 @ Western Hound Association, **Primetime's Red Hot N Ready** ("Cajun") won Best Opposite Sex in Puppy Sweeps, proudly owned by Troy Abney and Ted Pappas.

4/12/08 @ Western Hound Association, **Saylaway to RiverCity** ("Ayla") won Winners Bitch, proudly owned by Troy Abney & Annie Moran.

5/18/08 @ the Simi Valley Kennel Club trial, **BIS Int'l/Na/Am DC RiverCity's Nalu Kai, VC,SC,RA,NAP, NJP,OA, AXJ,HIC,CGC** ("Kai") earned his Excellent Standard title (AX) with a First Place, proudly owned by Lisa Adams.

5/17/08 @ the Simi Valley Kennel Club trail, **FC Scarlet's Wild Child SC,CD,RN** ("Daisy Mayhem") earned her second Novice Jumpers leg, proudly owned by Kevin & Jennifer Gysler.

5/25/08 @ San Gabriel Valley Kennel Club show, **Rajataru Lakota** ("Teeka") takes Winner's Bitch, proudly owned by Catherine Schock.

5/31/08 @ Pasadena Kennel Club show, **Rajataru Lakota** ("Teeka") takes Winner's Bitch, proudly owned by Catherine Schock.

5/31/08 @ Flatirons Kennel Club show, **Arroyo Seco's King of the Mountains** ("Kiptu") won Winners Dog, Best of Winners, and Best of Breed against specials, proudly bred by Sara & Steve Glasser.

6/12/08 @ the Shasta Kennel Club show **BIS Int'l/Na/Am DC RiverCity's Nalu Kai, VC,SC,RA,NAP, NJP,OA, AXJ,HIC,CGC** ("Kai") earned his Rally Excellent title (RE), proudly owned by Lisa Adams.

6/14/08 @ the Butte County Kennel Club show, **Van d Piers Give'Em Hellharry SC,CD,RA** ("Paladin") earned his Rally Excellent title (RE), proudly owned by Kevin & Jennifer Gysler.

5/31—6/1/08 @ the Pasadena Kennel Club Shows, **DC Ridge View's Amazing Gracie by Tigris** ("Gracie") earned two legs toward her Rally Novice title, proudly owned by Sara & Steve Glasser.

6/14/08 @ the Butte County Kennel Club show, **Van d Piers Simple to the Maxx** ("Maxx") earned his Rally Novice (RN) title, proudly owned by Kevin & Jennifer Gysler.

6/20/08 @ Long Beach Kennel Club show, **Sanyati's Pheron Baxter Bukaru** ("Baxter") takes Best of Winners, proudly owned by Catherine Schock.

6/21/08 @ Kennel Club of Beverly Hills show, **DC Kariba Newgold Dream at Pheron NA,CGC** ("Gilda") earns her first leg in Novice A Obedience, proudly owned by Catherine Schock.

5/10 & 5/11/08 @ Cabrillo Kennel Club Shows in Del Mar. The Rally and Obedience rings were well represented over the weekend with Ridgeback entries. Congratulations to the following dogs and their owners for supporting the venue:

Orangewood's Dream Catcher
Oakhurst We Found Nemo
Tropaco Tigres Kalani Kota
RiverCity's Nalu Kai
Scarlet's Wild Child
Van d Piers Give'Em Hellharry
Manzanita's One Handsome Devil
Van d Piers Simply to the Maxx
Kariba Newgold Dream at Pheron
RiverCity's Everyone's Bwana
RiverCity's Tampico Trauma

Vaccination Protocol

This item was sent to the Ramble editor via email. Neither the editor or OCRRC is intending to "recommend" a vaccination schedule. This information is provided as a source for reference and each owner/breeder should consult with his/her personal veterinarian in deciding what protocol is best for their dogs. Dr. Jean Dodd's Vaccination Protocol (below) is now being adopted by all 27 North American Veterinary schools.

New Principles of Immunology

Dogs and cats immune systems mature fully at 6 months. If a modified live virus vaccine is given after 6 months of age, it produces an immunity which is good for the life of the pet (i.e. canine distemper, parvo, feline distemper). If another MLV vaccine is given a year later, the antibodies from the first vaccine neutralize the antigens of the second vaccine and there is little or no effect. The titer is not "boosted" nor are more memory cells induced. Not only are annual boosters for parvo and distemper unnecessary, they subject the pet to potential risks of allergic reactions and immune-mediated hemolytic anemia. There is no scientific documentation to back up label claims for annual administration of MLV vaccines. Puppies receive antibodies through their mother's milk. This natural protection can last 8-14 weeks. Puppies and kittens should not be vaccinated at less than 8 weeks. Maternal immunity will neutralize the vaccine and little protection (0-38%) will be produced. Vaccination at 6 weeks will, however, delay the timing of the first highly effective vaccine. Vaccinations given 2 weeks apart suppress rather than stimulate the immune system. A series of vaccinations is given starting at 8 weeks and given 3-4 weeks apart up to 16 weeks of age. Another vaccine given sometime after 6 months of age (usually at 1 year 4 months) will provide a lifetime immunity.

Current Recommendations For Dogs

Distemper & Parvo:

According to Dr. Schultz, AVMA, 8-15-95, when a vaccination series given at 2,3 & 4 months and again at 1 year with a MLV, puppies and kittens program memory cells that survive for life, providing lifelong immunity. Dr. Carmichael at Cornell and Dr. Schultz have studies showing immunity against challenge at 2-10 years for canine distemper & 4 years for parvovirus.

Studies for longer duration are pending. There are no new strains of parvovirus as one manufacturer would like to suggest. Parvovirus vaccination provides cross immunity for all types. Hepatitis (Adenovirus) is one of the agents known to be a cause of kennel cough. Only vaccines with CAV-2 should be used as CAV-1 vaccines carry the risk of "hepatitis blue-eye" reactions & Kidney damage.

Bordetella Parainflueza:

Commonly called "kennel cough" recommended only for those dogs boarded, groomed, taken to dog shows, or for any reason housed where exposed to a lot of dogs. The intranasal vaccine provides more complete and more rapid onset of immunity with less chance of reaction. Immunity requires 72 hours and does not protect from every cause of kennel cough. Immunity is of short duration (4-6 months).

Vaccinations not Recommended

Multiple components in vaccines compete for each other for the immune system and result in lesser immunity for each individual disease as well as increase the risk of a reactions. Canine Corona Virus is only a disease of puppies. It is rare, self limiting (dogs get well in 3 days without treatment). Cornell & Texas A&M have only diagnosed one case each in the last 7 years. Corona virus does not cause disease in adult dogs. Leptospirosis vaccine is a common cause of adverse reactions in dogs. Most of the clinical cases of leptospirosis reported in dogs in the US are by serovars (or types) gripotyphosa and bratsilvia. The vaccines contain different serovars eanicola and icthohemorrhagica. Cross protection is not provided and protection is short lived. Lepto vaccine is immuno-suppressive to puppies less than 16 weeks.

Obedience

Sanyati's Mystars Its Showtime, JC, NA	M. Miller	184.8
DC Pheron's Sanyati of Kariba, CD,RE,MC,LCX,MX,MXJ	M. Miller	180.5

Rally

Ch RiverCity's Everyone's Bwana	Abney/Bicos/McGee	87
Int'l/Na/Am DC RiverCity's Nalu Kai, SC,RE,HIC,CGC,NAP,NJP,AX,AXJ	L. Adams	86.6
RiverCity's Tampico Trauma, RN, SC	A. McGee	80.6
Van d Piers Give'Em Hellharry, SC, CD, RA	J&K Gysler	79
FC Scarlet's Wild Child, SC, CD, RN	J&K Gysler	72

Alerts In Dog Legislations

SANTA ANA Orange County cities should adopt mandatory spay and neuter ordinances to address an animal overpopulation problem and decrease the number of animals euthanized at shelters, according to an Orange County Grand Jury report.

The report suggests that cities and unincorporated areas of Orange County enact laws similar to Los Angeles' recent spay/neuter ordinance, the Grand Jury suggests. Dogs, cats and other animals would have to be neutered.

Starting in February, the city of Los Angeles required a dog owner to have their pet spayed/neutered or obtain an unaltered dog license and pay a fee three times the cost of a license of a neutered dog. Riverside County's version of a similar ordinance is up for review.

Much of the burden of taking care of abandoned, lost or neglected animals falls on OC Animal Care, the only open-access shelter in the county. In 2006-2007, the shelter euthanized more than 13,000 animals – a \$322,478 cost

The animals, though treated in a humane way, are euthanized if not adopted within four days to two weeks of being taken to the shelter. Animals taken to the county shelter in Orange have less than a 50 percent chance of surviving because, if not adopted within a short period of time, they are euthanized, according to the report.

In 2007, the shelter received 29,000 animals. There were about 11,500 adoptions last year, said Ryan Drabek, spokesman for OC Animal Care.

OC Animal Care, which works with a 13.6 million annual budget, promotes responsible pet ownership, which includes spaying/neutering pets and ID'ing them with microchips, Drabek said.

"That's part of our education all the time," Drabek said.

The 65-year-old shelter has 872 cages with a capacity for 382 dogs, 435 cats, 25 rabbits and 30 overflow cubicles for pigs, coats, horses and other animals. Despite the shelter's outreach efforts, work with outside rescue organizations and adoption rates, the facility is nearly always full, the report says.

Some cities using limited-access shelters or "no-kill shelters" refuse to accept unadoptable animals, which end up at the county facility. The burden of cost, care and euthanasia is then shifted to the county if the animals are not adopted.

No city in the county has any ordinances regulating animal overpopulation, the report says.

As published in the Orange County Register June 5, 2008.

AB 1634, The Mandatory Pet Sterilization Bill "Rewrite"

June 25th, 2008 the Senate Local Government Committee hearing was held at the State Capitol to hear the amended version of the AB 1634 Bill. Here is the Bill in it's amended state:

- AB 1634 requires a dog or cat of any age to be spayed or neutered even if their veterinarian objects to it. There is no appeal process by the animal owner. There is no due process.
- AB 1634 allows a verbal or written complaint (an allegation) by a felon, illegal immigrant, or child, that has not been investigated or substantiated to stand as one of the violation of this measure.
- As written this would allow convicted felons or anyone else to verbally complain against the use of a police canine dog, and in effect, require that animal to be sterilized after the third complaint. The same holds true for service dogs, guide dogs, hearing impaired dogs, and other dog used in agriculture or protection.

Keep in mind, that this law as presently written, puts many animal owners at the mercy of the relationships they have with their neighbors.

Early Spay/Neuter Considerations, Part 2

Part II: Behavioral and Other Health Considerations

One Veterinarian's Opinion

By Chris Zink, DVM, PhD, DACVP

The study that identified a higher incidence of cranial cruciate ligament rupture in spayed/neutered dogs also identified an increased incidence of sexual behaviors in males and females that were neutered or spayed early.(5) Further, the study that identified a higher incidence of hip dysplasia in dogs neutered or spayed before five-and-a-half months of age also showed that early age gonadectomy [removal of ovaries or testes] was associated with an increased incidence of noise phobias and undesirable sexual behaviors.(6)

A recent report of the AKC Canine Health Foundation reported significantly more behavioral problems in spayed and neutered dogs. The most commonly observed behavioral problem in females was fearful behavior and the most common problem in males was aggression.(12)

Health Considerations

A number of studies have shown that there's an increased incidence of female urinary incontinence in bitches spayed early (13), although this finding has not been universal. Certainly there's evidence that ovarian hormones are critical for maintenance of genital tissue structure and contractility.(14, 15)

Neutering also has been associated with an increased likelihood of urethral sphincter incontinence in males.(16) This problem is an inconvenience, and not usually life-threatening, but nonetheless one that requires the dog to be medicated for life.

A health survey of several thousand Golden Retrievers showed that spayed/neutered dogs were more likely to develop hypothyroidism than were intact dogs.(2) This study is consistent with the results of another study in which neutering/spaying was determined to be the most significant gender-associated risk factor for development of hypothyroidism.(17)

Infectious diseases were more common in dogs that were spayed/neutered at 24 weeks or less, as opposed to those undergoing gonadectomy at more than 24 weeks.(18)

Finally, the AKC-CHF report demonstrated a higher incidence of adverse reactions to vaccines in spayed/neutered dogs as compared to intact.(12)

I've gathered these studies to show that our practice of routinely spaying or neutering every dog at or before the age of six months is not a black-and-white issue. Clearly more studies need to be done to evaluate the effects of prepubertal spaying and neutering, particularly in canine athletes.

Currently, I have significant concerns with such a practice. But of course, there is the pet overpopulation problem. How can we prevent the production of unwanted dogs while still leaving the gonads to produce the hormones that are so important to canine growth and development?

One answer would be to perform vasectomies in males and tubal ligation in females, to be followed after maturity by ovariectomy in females to prevent mammary cancer and pyometra. However, one possible disadvantage to vasectomy is that this procedure doesn't prevent some unwanted behaviors associated with males, such as marking and humping. On the other hand, females and neutered males frequently participate in these behaviors too. Really, training is the best solution for these issues.

Another possible disadvantage to vasectomy and/or tubal ligation is finding a veterinarian who's experienced in performing these procedures. Nonetheless, some do, and if the procedures were in greater demand, more veterinarians would learn them.

I believe it's important that we assess each situation individually. For canine athletes, I currently recommend that dogs and bitches be spayed or neutered after 14 months of age.

Chris Zink, DVM, PhD, DACVP, is a canine sports-medicine consultant, and an award-winning author of Peak Performance: Coaching the Canine Athlete; Dog Health and Nutrition for Dummies; and The Agility Advantage, as well as co-author of Building the Canine Athlete: Strength, Stretching, Endurance, and Body Awareness Exercises. Chris has obtained more than 70 obedience, agility, retrieving, tracking, and conformation titles on dogs from the sporting, herding, working, terrier, and hound groups.

Thyroid Facts (continued)

Both the OFA certification requirements on the thyroid panel and the MSU “premium profile” panel are 8-parameter profiles testing for TT4, TT3, FT4, FT3, T4AA, T3AA, cTSH, and TgAA. The MSU lab does offer a “standard profile” panel test but the premium utilizes the dialysis technique on the T4, which is also within the OFA analysis requirements. Other information provided via the MSU website were information regarding effects of vaccinations as well as medications in relations to the thyroid. MSU has stated that it is not aware of any evidence to support that vaccinations could be associated with the induction of immune mediated thyroid disease. Effects of other medications, such as, glucocorticoids, anti-epileptic medications, phenylbutazone, and carproten (Rimadyl) can affect thyroid hormone results. It is suggested that a 3-6 weeks medication free period preclude any thyroid diagnostic sample.

Also discussed was the thyroid profile of both the sighthound and estrus or pregnant bitches. Higher thyroid hormone concentrations have been documented in normal bitches during metestrus and pregnancy. However, it is yet to be determined whether these numeric differences are of a sufficient magnitude to cause misdiagnoses. Sighthounds have lower TT4 and FT4 reference ranges although these are generally not published. In some case studies, the TT4 reference range extends to zero. As such, a dog with hypothyroidism cannot be differentiated from a normal dog using T4 tests alone. Fortunately, general canine population ranges for TSH appear to apply well to these breeds. Thus a sighthound with low TT4 and FT4 concentration. But with a normal TSH concentration, is unlikely to be hypothyroid.

Whether you pay to register your results through the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, it is obvious that there are quality avenues available to adequately test ALL the appropriate ranges needed for a thorough thyroid evaluation. It would appear for the optimal result situation, avoid collecting a diagnostic sample on or around pregnancy, estrus, medicating, or even vaccinating. Also utilize the 8-parameter testing for your dog’s panel in order to make the most thorough evaluation.



**Linnea & Ruger,
supporting the Cabrillo entry**



**Happy 13th Birthday Tobin,
loved by M. Wisniewski**

OCRRC Board Meeting Minutes

Sunday May 15, 2008

8:01 p.m. Meeting Begins

Attendees: Catherine Schock, Jennifer Gysler, Mike Patterson, Sheri West, Joe Berger, Jerry Adomian.

Reading Of Minutes: The meeting minutes from the Board of Directors meeting of February 17, 2008 were read aloud by Catherine Schock. The club is "on track" relative to the agenda items discussed.

Corresponding Secretary:

1. Insurance: The insurance premium for the club is due in June 2008, in the sum of \$831. There is a fee increase of \$50 for additional endorsements on the policy, per location
2. Search & Rescue: The club received a thank you letter from a search and rescue group for the donation from OCRRC. They offer canine first aid courses. (See "old business" - Fun Day).

Recording Secretary Report: Waived.

Treasurer: Joe Berger will prepare a financial statement to the Board of Directors for the Specialty held on April 11, 2008. As of April 23, 2008, the club's financials are as follows:

Checking Account	\$4,809.65
Specialty Account	\$751.24
LC Account	\$1,437.18
Savings Account	Unavailable
CD Account	Unavailable

Committee Reports:

Specialty: Per Mike Patterson, Esther Benedict provided invoices for the Specialty trophies. The cost to the club was \$2,028.99. Also, the club received a donation of \$300 from Roger Uitow of Lovell Equipment, for a raffle prize (a small scale lure coursing machine). However, the funds were not received in time to purchase the raffle prize. A discussion was held regarding use of the donation. Per Catherine Schock, application was made to RRCUS (Pamela Anderegg) for next year's medallion. Additionally, there will be a new Challenge Trophy for Brood Bitch, entitled "The Keeper," offered by Janice Horvat Schindler. Jerry Adomian provided \$15 in cash donations to the Treasurer for sales of dog collars.

Lure Coursing: Per Sherri West, the insurance for this event (July 25, 2008) has been obtained, pending payment of the premium. Per Catherine Schock, there will be a new Challenge Trophy for lure coursing, entitled "Question of Domain" by Danny Quest in honor of Pheron's Kasai of Raintree, offered by Kathy Maine Wolverton.

Agility: Per Jennifer Gysler, the date for the agility match is October 4, 2008 at TeWinkle park in Costa Mesa. The site is reserved and permit fee paid. Lisa Adams is working on the application to AKC for the event as well as the premium. She is to contact the Treasurer for payment of the AKC application fee. \$150 for course builders, approximately \$20 for ribbons, transportation (mileage) for the provisional judge. Club members will be asked to help as ring crew at the match.

OCRRC Board Meeting Minutes (cont.)

New Membership: Nothing discussed

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Old Business:

1. Club Fun Day / General Meeting: Possible dates for this event are August 16, 17, 23, or 24, 2008. Planned events include a photographer for holiday season portraits as well as a presentation on canine first aid / CPR. Jerry Adomian will explore the canine first aid / CPR speaker. Catherine Schock has already contacted a potential photographer. Jennifer Gysler will contact a photographer as well. The location will be TeWinkle Park in Costa Mesa, assuming space is available.
2. A discussion was held regarding the language for the membership card (i.e. "member in good standing"). It will be issued by email in pdf format with the President's signature. The goal is to implement this for 2009.
3. Specialty Judges: Per Sherri West, the votes for the judges have been tallied for the upcoming Specialty in 2009 and 2010. The judge roster is subject to each judge's availability. The names of the runners up will be provided to Lou Guerrero as suggestions for RR judges at the Western Hound Specialty. Lou Guerrero will be asked to judge Junior handling for the 2009 Specialty.

2009 Pamela LeVander (regular classes)

Linda Clark (sweeps)

2010 John Reeve-Newson (regular classes / junior handling)

Eileen Bailey (sweeps)

New Business:

1. Lure Coursing / Performance Events Checking Account: Joe Berger made a motion to earmark the Lure Coursing checking account for "Performance Event," including Lure Coursing, Agility and Rally. The motion was seconded by Jerry Adomian. The Board voted unanimously to pass the motion.
2. Audit for Breeder's Directory: A discussion was held regarding implementation of the audit for the Breeder's Directory.
3. Specialty Judge Selection Process: Joe Berger made a motion to modify the selection process for future Specialty Judges. This was seconded by Mike Patterson. The Board voted unanimously to pass the motion as follows:

"At the September 2008 Board of Directors Meeting, each board member will submit 3 names for Specialty Judges, for the 2011 and 2012 Specialties. Out of the 27 names submitted, 18 will be chosen by the Board and submitted to the membership for final voting and selection."

Meeting Adjourned 9:43 p. m.