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President's Message

Dear Members,
First of all, I am proud to inform you that OCRRC has made a \$500 donation to the AKC/CAR fund to help the canine victims of hurricane Katrina. And I know there's a plan to donate more at a future date.

Next, we're happy to have Marco Solario on board, participating as assistant show chair for our upcoming Fun Match on October 15. (See "What's Happening..." on page 4 for more details.) Marco has been in RRs for some time, and previously served on the Board of the Bay Area Rhodesian Ridgeback Club (BARRC). He recently moved here from the north—as in California, not Alaska or the Pole!

On the show front, we're supporting the entry of Beverly Hills KC on Monday, December 19, 2005. The Aztec club (ARRF) will be supporting the entries for Los Encinos and Long Beach KCs on December 17 and 18. We hope to have all of your support.

For this issue, I'm enclosing a quotation by Charles Swindoll. It makes one think about their own attitude, at least it did me. I believe it applies to our wins or losses in the dog-show ring.

"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than the facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than failures, than successes, than what other people think, say

or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company...a church...a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10 percent what happens to me and 90 percent how I react to it. And so it is with you...we are in charge of our attitudes."

Cheerfully, and not meant to point a finger at any one. Just food for thought,
Myrna Berger
President



Beware: New Canine Flu is Here

If you haven't heard about it yet, here's the lowdown.

It's been on the news and the talk on all the show grounds. What is it? It's a new strain of the canine flu—and it's no longer far away in Florida, it's here in California. All of a sudden rumors are exploding all over—four dogs died here, a Rottweiler died there ("but they're known to have poor immune systems" it was said). Do we really have to be concerned. You bet we do!

As of September 30, four dogs that were kenneled in the

South Bay area tested positive for canine influenza, a highly contagious and potentially fatal disease. The positive test results are believed to mark the first confirmed cases of canine flu in California, according to Dr. Jon Bernstein, of Ber-Mar Pet Hospital in Inglewood, who treated the affected dogs.

Bernstein says he grew suspicious after seeing a "cluster of dogs with respiratory problems" in August and September, and sent samples for testing. He

received the test results on September 29 from a Florida laboratory showing that four dogs he treated this summer—including a 2-year-old Rottweiler that died—tested positive. The link between the four was a common boarding facility in the South Bay, the vet says, adding "I've seen it in young, old, small and large (dogs)."

Dr. William Grant II, of Community Veterinary Hospital in Garden Grove, said he has

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treated probably 60 dogs that he suspects had canine flu. He's awaiting test results on blood samples that were sent in from about four or five of the group of dogs, which had all been boarded at an Orange County kennel.

"It was like a firestorm. It came and it went, Grant said of the suspected outbreak, noting that there have been no long-term effects in the dogs he treated.

The Southern California Veterinary Medical Association, which was sending out an alert to its more than 1,200 members, has received reports from both Los Angeles and Orange Counties of suspected cases of canine influenza virus.

In the alert, the association warns that "canine influenza is considered to be highly contagious in canine populations and clinical signs may last from one to three weeks." Symptoms can include coughing, fever, and nasal discharge, with a fatality rate ranging from one to 10 percent.



The Latest on Flu Testing

According to Cornell University's Animal Health Diagnostic Center (AHDC), in partnership with the New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets' Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Program, the possible tests are as follows:

1. At present, the most reliable way to diagnose canine influenza virus infections is by serological (blood) samples, taken during both the acute (onset) and convalescent (recovery) phases. The first sample is collected, separated, then refrigerated when your dog is first seen; another sample is taken two to three weeks later, then shipped with the first sample to the lab.

For dogs that have recovered from a previous case of kennel cough, only one serum sample is necessary to determine whether they've been infected with canine influenza virus at some point in the past. Since this is a relatively new pathogen of dogs, they don't expect to find a high "seroprevalence" (level of antigens) in

unaffected dogs.

The cost for the canine influenza virus HI test is \$20/sample, not including your veterinarian's charges.

2. Isolation of canine influenza virus is a relatively unreliable way to confirm the infection. The reason for this isn't clear, but time of sampling is probably the main culprit. Pharyngeal (throat) swabs collected several days after the onset of clinical signs aren't useful for canine influenza, for either virus isolation or antigen-capture ELISA tests.

All virus isolates to date have been obtained from lung tissue of dogs that have died suddenly from hemorrhagic pneumonia. The AHDC is especially interested in getting lung tissue from these dogs in order to attempt an isolation. Therefore, until further notice, they will do testing on tissue samples for canine influenza virus at no cost *if* a complete history of the case is provided. They will not routinely test these samples for other viruses unless specifically requested, and this will incur a \$50 virus-isolation fee.

They're also interested in pharyngeal swabs taken from dogs with high fevers and minimal clinical signs. In these cases, they're trying to get samples *very* early in the infection. These samples will be done at no cost *if* they meet the criteria stated above along with a complete history. Testing isolation attempts for other viruses will not be done unless specifically requested (\$50 fee).

Finally, all dogs that cough are not infected with canine influenza virus. The standard respiratory pathogens of dogs haven't gone away. One should always consider a complete diagnostic workup that would include cultures for bacteria and mycoplasma (a type of disease-causing bacteria that lacks cell walls).

Note: Submission forms for the AHDC can be found on the lab's Web site. Go to diaglab.vet.cornell.edu and click on "Testing Services" in the box on the left, then click on "Sample Submission Requirements."

Tips to Help Prevent K-9 Flu



First of all, there is no vaccine for this disease. The use of flu vaccines approved for other species (e.g., horses) is not recommended because of the potential for adverse and possibly fatal reactions in dogs.

Next, since the disease is viral, there's no specific treatment. If your dog shows suspicious symptoms, take him to your veterinarian quickly for supportive care and antibiotic treatment for secondary bacterial infections.

At this time, no major changes in your dog's normal routine are suggested. But do try to avoid places with large groups of dogs in enclosed places. Unfortunately, this may include boarding kennels and groomers (and indoor dog shows). But, please use some common sense. Consider grooming your dog at home (after all, RR's are "wash and wear"). If you must board your dog, ask that your dog spend as much time as possible in an outside run. The more air circulation there is, the more dilution of any viral particles that are coughed into the air. There should be no problem going to dog-training classes that are held outside. But if you notice another dog in the class coughing, *stay away from it!*

—Dr. Lorrie Boldrick
Quillie Acre Veterinary Clinic
www.quillieacres.com

Editor's note: If you plan on attending handling classes or showing your dog in conformation, consider asking permission to show your dog's bite yourself rather than having the instructor or judge handle your dog's mouth. (At a dog show, ask the ring steward prior to your class.) This may provide a measure of prevention in the spread of this disease.

OCRRC Top Twenty thru June 31, 2005

1. Ch. Freedom's Blast O'Dynamite By Tigris ("Boomer")	Juan & Lisa Gutierrez/Mike & Lisa Patterson	657
2. Ch. Of Afrikka Hoku O Pupukea ("Hoku")	Tom & Barbara Peach	581
3. Ch. Jubalee's Lonestar Over Kei River ("Riley")	Kerry Williams/D. Binswanger	543
4. Ch. Freedom's Awesome Olivia by Tigris, JC ("Olivia")	P. Weston	309
5. Ch. Blue Nile Sent By Isis ("Rocket")	Sherri Todd	194
6. Ch. Windana Baobab African Jewel ("Jewel")	Leslie Walker/Renee Woods	169
7. Ch. Bayou's Primo Archtyp 4 Pheron ("Primo")	Catherine Schock/Jay Dalphin	132
8. Firedance Whiskey Straightup ("Whiskey")	Mary Sorosky/S. Perek	131
9. Ch. Jubalee's License to Fly, JC ("Delta")	Kerry Williams	129
10. Rivercity's That Girl ("Marlo")	Troy Abney/Olga Bicos	127
11. Rivercity's Nalu Kai, JC ("Kai")	Troy Abney/L. Adams	117
12. Ch. Stardust on Rodeo Drive ("Gucci")	Jerry & Sue Adomian/R. & T. Witte	96
13. Ch. Desert Ridge Rainy Day Dreamer by Tigris ("Dreamer")	Elsa Tipton	83
14. Ch. Of Afrikka's Kumbayah ("Kumba")	Bing & Debbie Drastrup	81
15. Zuludawn Sunnys Harley ("Harley")	C. Rhodes	80
16. Ch. Zuludawn Chateau Lafite ("Coach")	P. & T. Tennigkeit	76
17. Ch. Primetime's Anything But Ordinary ("Avril")	June Belchamber	72
18. Choctaw Ridge Makenna of Ridgelea ("Makenna")	Brian & Vicky Swink	67
18. Ch. Deer Ridge Blixen of Afrika ("Blixen")	Christina Wistrom	67
19. Ch. Lamarde Perro Rosebud ("Rose")	John & Sally Cook	66
20. Ch. Trigerhill's Notorious Doubletake, JC ("Tori")	E. & J. Scattini/J. & J. Kuplent	63

In The Whelping Box...

July 15—Ch. Deer Ridge Dream Weaver ("Teva"), 2 boys/8girls, sired by MBIS/BISS Ch. Spring Valley's Great Gatsby, ROM. *Congratulations to Tom & Barbara Peach, Halliwa, HI.*

July 25—Ch. Lamarde Perro Nancy ("Nancy"), 2 boys/2 girls (right), sired by Ch. Freedom's Blast O'Dynamite by Tigris ("Boomer"). *Good luck to John & Sally Cook, Shadow Hills, CA.*

July 27—Ch. Lamarde Perro Mia of Mojave ("Mia"), 6 boys/5 girls, sired by Ch. Rivercity's Shock and Awe ("Titan"). *Congratulations to Sue Hall (who whelped the litter), Sparks, NV, and to co-owners John & Sally Cook, Shadow Hills, CA.*

July 28—Ch. Of Afrikka's Donga Uitlander ("Donga"), 2 girls, sired by MBIS/BISS Ch. Spring Valley's Great Gatsby, ROM. *Congratulations to Christina Wistrom, Perris, CA.*

September 24—Ch. Rdsnd Archtyp Speed of Light, HIC ("Cheetah"), 8 boys/1 girl, sired by Ch. Ouridgenal Red's Badge of Courage ("Cappy"). *Congratulations to Peggy and Julia Kodl, and Elizabeth Moore, Pacific Grove, CA, and Marco Solario, Chino, CA.*

October 17—Ch. Blue Nile Lady of the Lake ("Victoria"), 4 boys/3 girls, sired by Ch. Rivercity's Travlin Man ("Travis"). *Congratulations to Sherrie Todd, San Diego, CA.*

October 19—Ch. Blue Nile Sent by Isis ("Rocket"), 5 boys; 6 girls sired by Ch. Rajataru Roman V of Tropaco ("Vito"). *Congratulations to Sherrie Todd, San Diego, CA.*

Expected Late December—Int. Ch. Of Afrikka Deer Ridge Farrah ("Farrah"), sired by Am./Int. Ch. Of Afrikka Airborne Envoy ("Sidney"). *Good luck to Christina Wistrom, Perris, CA.*



What's Happening...

What: OCRRC General Meeting

When: Thurs., Nov. 10, 2005; dinner @7; meeting @8

Where: Coco's, 1250 Imperial Hwy., Brea (57 Freeway & Imperial Blvd., just past State College); (714) 990-0671.

Agenda: Last chance to make additional nominations for the 2006 Board of Directors.

What: SDRRC AKC-Sanctioned "B" Match

When: Sat., Nov. 12 (handling class at 9 A.M.; conformation at 10:00 A.M.)

Where: Walnut Grove Park, San Marcos, CA

Judge: John Shoemaker

Contact: Cindy Cartwright, (760) 751-8950, or e-mail gwoozel@valleycenterinternet.com; go to www.sdrcc.org for more info..

What: ASFA 2005 Last Chance Certification Event (lure coursing)

When: Sun., Nov. 13 (check-in 9:45 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.; runs begin @10:15 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.)

Where: Armed Forces Res. Ctr., Los Alamitos, CA

Judge: Dixie Howell-Hirsch

Contact: Deborah Butler, 21117 Carriage Dr., Tehachapi, CA 92561, (661) 823-0820, e-mail bozoigirl2002@yahoo.com

Closes: Mon., Nov. 14, 2005, @6 P.M.

What: Ups N Downs Agility Club, NADAC Trials (agility)

When: Sat./Sun., Nov. 18/19

Where: Del Mar Horse Park, Del Mar

Contact: Judi Myers, 14582 Glenville St., Poway, CA 92064, e-mail judiandmike@cs.com

Closes: n/a

What: ASFA's 30th Annual Turkey Run (lure coursing)

When: Thurs.-Sun., Nov. 24-27

Where: Armed Forces Res. Ctr., Los Alamitos, CA

Judges: Thurs., Mary Crume and Barbara Allen; Fri./Sat., Al Crume and Barbazra Allen; Al and Mary Crume

Contact: Dixie Howell-Hirsch, Trial Sec., (714) 649-2770, fax (714) 649-0102, e-mail IWHC@sunstag.org, or go to www.sunstag.org/IWHC/

Closes: Mon., Nov. 14, 2005 @6 P.M.

What: Contact Point Agility Club of Los Angeles (agility)

When: Friday-Sun., Nov. 25-27

Where: Hobert Pk, Ventura, CA

Contact: Ms. Kate Moureaux, Show Sec., P. O. Box 2363, Camarillo, CA 93011; or go to www.infodog.com.

Closes: Thurs., Nov. 10, 2005.

What: Kathy Keats Handling Seminars

When: Friday-Sun., Nov. 25-27, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. (Fri., novice; Sat., open; Sun., Masters)

Where: Dogpatch Dogsports Training Field, San Marcos, CA

Contact: Deborah LeLievier, (760) 471-0917, e-mail dlelvier@ricochet.com, or go to www.dogpatchdogsports.com/

Cost: Working teams-\$170/day (limited to 12 teams/day), auditors \$70/day, \$120/2 days, or \$150/3 days.

What: Southwestern Rottweiler Club of San Diego (agility)

When: Friday-Sunday, November 25-27

Where: Rohr Park, Bonita, CA

Contact: Lynda Tjarks, Show Sec., P.O. Box 81686, Bakersfield, CA 93380; (661) 867-2773, e-mail roguetervs@direcway.com

Closes: Wed., Nov. 9, 2005 @11:59 P.M.

What: KC of Palm Springs AKC Trials (agility)

When: Sat./Sun., Dec. 3-4

Where: Butterfield Stage Trail Park, Corona, CA

Contact: Lynda Tjarks, see above.

Closes: Wed., Nov. 16, 2005 @11:59 P.M.

What: Valley Hills Obedience Club (agility, obedience, rally)

When: Sat., Dec. 10

Where: Woodley Ave. Park, Van Nuys

Contact: Agility—Lynda Tjarks (see above); obedience and rally—Garvin Show Services, Boring, OR, (503) 558-1221, or go to www.garvinshowservices.com.

Closes: Wed. Nov. 23, 2005

What: Shoreline Dog Fanciers Assoc. (conformation)

When: Friday, Dec. 16

Where: Orange County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa, CA

Judge: Capt. E.M. Frese

Contact: Onofrio Dog Shows, P.O. Box 25764, Oklahoma City, OK 73125, (405) 427-8181; or go to www.onofrio.com.

Closes: Wed., Nov. 30, 2005

What: Los Encinos and Long Beach KCs, and KC of Beverly Hills (conformation)

When: Sat./Sun./Mon., Dec. 17-19

Where: Long Beach Convention Center, Long Beach, CA

Judges: Sat., Randy Garren; Sun., Col.

Joe Purkhiser; Mon., Joe Walton

Contact: Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows, P.O. Box 227303, Los Angeles, CA 90022; (323) 727-0136, or go to www.jbradshaw.com.

Closes: Wed., Nov. 30, 2005

What: Southwestern Rottweiler Club of SD AKC Trials (agility)

When: Fri./Sat./Sun., Dec. 30-Jan. 1

Where: Rohr Park, Bonita, CA

Contact: Lynda Tjarks, P.O. Box 81686, Bakersfield, CA 93380; (661) 867-2773, e-mail roguetervs@direcway.com

Closes: Wed., Dec. 14, 2005 @11:59 P.M.

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What: High Desert Agility Club AKC Trials (ability)

When: Fri.-Mon., Dec. 30-Jan. 2

Where: LA County Fairplex, Pomona, CA

Contact: Karen Mailloux, 830 E. Santa Paula St., Santa Pauls, CA 93060-2148; (866) 251-5168, ext. 3821, e-mail highdesertagility@yahoo.com, or go to www.angelfire.com/mac/hidac/

Closes: Mon., Dec. 7, 2005

What: Inland Empire Hound Club—The Hound Classic (conformation)

When: Fri., Jan. 6, 2006

Where: Empire Equestrian Park/Polo Field, Indio, CA

Judge: Mrs. Loraine Boutwell

Contact: Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows; see above

Closes: Wed., Dec. 21, 2005

What: KC of Palm Springs (conformation)

When: Sat./Sun., Jan. 7 & 8, 2006

Where: Empire Equestrian Park/Polo Field, Indio, CA

Judges: Sat., Dr. Kenneth Levison; Sun., Dr. Anthony DiNardo

Contact: Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows; see above

Closes: Wed., Dec. 21, 2005



2006 Rescue Calendars...

...are now available for purchase online at www.ridgebackrescue.org. These calendars are the main fundraiser for RRR, Inc., and enable the group to care for dogs like Mr. Jones (see story at right), as well as the 17 Ridgebacks (plus 14 puppies born to two of the bitches) rescued after hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

RESCUE:

MR. JONES

Mr. Jones is an (approximately) 8-year-old, purebred, ridged male. After being pulled out of a Los Angeles shelter in September, he developed a mild cough

that quickly turned into full-blown kennel cough. Mr. Jones was immediately taken to a vet, and, although his lungs were pretty clear, was started on a course of antibiotics to guard against secondary infection.

Unfortunately, the very next day Mr. Jones stopped eating; his temperature shot up to almost 105 degrees. Needless to say, the poor guy



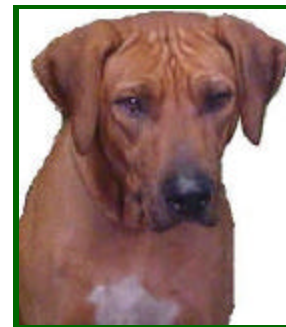
was hospitalized and put on IV fluids, and more antibiotics. He was diagnosed with canine influenza, and it had turned into pneumonia. But in true Ridgeback fashion, Mr. Jones was dignified throughout his stay at the hospital, and quickly became a favorite with the hospital staff.

Now at home with his foster mom, he's recovering well and has become very playful. She reports that he's a very smart, somewhat-dominant guy who clearly prefers men. ("I cannot get a lick from him, although he will touch my face with his nose to thank me for dinner. However, one of the fellows that lives up the street gets licks to beat the band!")

In the meantime, Ridgeback Rescue has incurred veterinary expenses of over \$4,000. If you would like to help with Mr. Jones' bills, you can send a donation to Ridgeback Rescue, Inc., c/o George Detkos, 2425 Willow Ave., Niagara Falls, NY 14305-3107. (Note "Mr. Jones #1726" on the memo line of your check.)

And if you're interested in adopting the handsome Mr. Jones, e-mail Kate Zimmer at Kgordon3@adelphia.net.

I think he's got a "thing goin' on," don't you? (wink)



General Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2005

Meeting Called to Order at 9:00 P.M. Attendees are: Jerry Adomian, Myrna Berger, Deborah Drastrup, Jaymie Evans, Sara and Steve Glasser, Lynea Post, Catherine Schock, Sherri and H.E. West.

First order of business: Role Call and minutes from the general meeting are completed, and approved.

Presidents report: None

Vice President's report: IWHC notified that the contact person listed on their web site for lure coursing should be changed to Jaymie Evans.

Corresponding Secretary's report: Sherri West reports she sent a letter to the San Diego club notifying them that they have our permission to hold their specialty the day before the OCRRC Specialty in 2006. Sherri has not yet received a response.

Sherri also sent a letter to the Bev-

erly Hills and Long Beach KCs notifying them that OCRRC will support their shows in 2005 and 2006.

Treasurer's report: Catherine Schock reports the checking account balance is \$2,458.45; savings account—\$3,524.20; CD—\$6,426.25; total for regular accounts—\$12,408.90; Specialty account—\$3,570.56; lure coursing account—\$1,274.12; for a grand total of \$17,253.58.

Committee reports:
Specialty—No report.

Lure Coursing—No report.

Health Fair—No report.

Membership Applications: Membership application received from Marco Solario. Members vote and unanimously approve Marco's membership.

Old Business:

By-laws—Jerry makes a motion to have members approve the revised by-laws; Catherine seconds the motion, and it is unanimously approved.

Fall Match—No report.

New Business:

Members vote for a judge for Inland Empire 2006 show. The choices are, in the following order of preference, Lorraine Boutwell, Madison Weeks, Edward Lyons.

Sherri West motions the club purchase a judges' book from AKC. Deborah Drastrup seconds the motion. Motion is unanimously approved.

Judge selection is made for Beverly Hills 2006 Summer/Long Beach Circuit., in the following order of preference: James Reynolds, Michelle Billings, Kiki Kohn, and Patricia Neal.

Linnea Post volunteers to help with Ridgeback Rescue, as well as the Match.

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 P.M.



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – August 11, 2005

Meeting Called to Order at 8:00 P.M. Attendees are: Jerry Adomian, Myrna Berger, Deb Drastrup, Lee Nudo, Mike Patterson, Catherine Schock, Sherri West.

First order of business: Role call and approval of minutes for the June 9th BOD meeting are completed and approved.

Presidents Report: No report.

Vice President's Report: No report

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Sherri West reports she received a letter from the San Diego Rhodesian Ridgeback Club requesting permission to hold their Specialty on Thursday, May 11, 2006, in conjunction with the OCRRC Specialty, Shoreline KC, and Western Hound Shows. Mike Patterson motions to grant permission to SDRRC to hold their Specialty as stated above. Catherine Schock

seconds the motion, and it's unanimously approved.

Sherri West also reports, she has sent a letter regarding selection of judges to the Beverly Hills Kennel Club for the 2006 Summer/Long Beach circuit. Potential judges selected in the following order: James Reynolds, Michelle Billings, Kiki Kohn and Patricia Neal.

Treasurer's Report: Catherine Schock reports—checking account, \$1,873.91; savings account, \$3,525.65; CD \$6,432.32; total \$11,831.88. Specialty checking account, \$3,458.56; lure coursing account, \$1,262.12; for a grand total of \$16,552.56.

Mike Patterson motions to transfer \$2,000 from the Specialty Account to the regular checking account. Lee seconds the motion and it is unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

Specialty—Myrna Berger suggests we

should do something special for BOB/BOS ribbons at next year's 20th annual OCRRC Specialty.

Mike Patterson suggests including a "Best Ridge" contest to be held following the BOB Class or following the SDRRC Specialty. Sherri makes a motion to explore having a Best Ridge Contest following the SDRRC Specialty. Mike Patterson seconds the motion, and it's approved.

Lure Coursing—No report.

Health Fair—Myrna will contact Marilyn Mayfield, the Show Chair for Burbank, to explore the possibility of holding a Health Seminar with one speaker at the upcoming show in September.

Fall Match—Match is tentatively scheduled for October 15, 2005, at Irvine Park. Still looking for a match chair.

By-laws—Discussion continues.

Membership—No new membership

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applications.

Old Business: Mike Patterson says he's still looking for a new trailer to replace our old one. SDRRC has expressed interest in purchasing our current trailer.

New Business: No new business.

Meeting adjourned 10:00 P.M.



DOG PEOPLE have the comfort of at least some part of their lives that can be done over and over, again and again, without the anxiety of getting it right, rewriting, re-vising. A contented life for a dog is a repetition that holds no boredom or disappointment. Walk, Biscuit, Drink, Nap, and so many other happy recurrences—they're all positions on the face of a dog's natural clock. And even though each dog finally disappoints us with its death, we are the ones who call it untimely, wishing and willing the repetitions to outlast our longer lives.

—Michael Rosen
Dog People

Basic K-9 First-Aid Kit

- ? Prescriptions — A backup supply of any medication prescribed by your vet.
- ? Water — To drink and cool down body temperature (pour over the pads of your dog's feet).
- ? Bandage material (and scissors) — To clean wounds, stop bleeding, and to prevent licking and scratching. Include:
 - 1 roll of gauze
 - 1 pkg. gauze squares
 - 1 roll of Vetrap
 - 1 roll of adhesive bandage
 - 1 roll soft bandage
- ? Hemostat or tweezers — To pull out thorns, ticks, etc.
- ? Thermometer — To check your dog's temperature (normal is 101-102° F).
- ? Saline Solution — To flush eyes.
- ? Hydrogen Peroxide (3%) or Betadine Solution — To flush/cleanse wounds.
- ? Triple Antibiotic Ointment (e.g., Neosporin) — To disinfect cuts/scrapes and speed healing.
- ? 325 mg. Buffered Aspirin (e.g., Ascriptin) — To relieve sore muscles and reduce inflammation. *Note:* You can administer 325mg/50 lbs., but should consult your vet first.
- ? Benadryl (25 mg.) — For allergic reactions; give 1 mg/lb (consult your vet first).
- ? Styptic Powder — To stop bleeding (useful if your dog tears a toenail).
- ? Syrup of Ipecac — To induce vomiting (useful if your dog has ingested poison; 1 tsp per 10 lbs.).
- ? Muzzle — Any dog can become aggressive when in pain.

General Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2005

Meeting called to order at 8:40 P.M. Attendees are: Joe and Myrna Berger, Cynthia Cartwright, Deborah Drastrup, Rebecca Eastman, Lee Nudo, Leslie Walker, H. E. and Sherri West.

First order of business: Role call and approval of minutes from BOD meeting August 8, 2005, completed.

Presidents Report: No Report

Vice President's Report: No Report

Corresponding Secretary Report: Sherri West notified SDRRC that OCRRC has discussed holding a Best Ridge class following the SDRRC Specialty.

Treasurer's Report: Catherine Schock reports—Savings acct \$3,527.15; checking account \$1,803.62; CD \$6,439.25; Specialty account \$3,446.56; lure coursing account \$1,250.12; grand total \$16,466.70.

Committee Reports:

Spring Match—Linda Robbins and Marco Solario will co-chair the Fall match on October 15th.

Specialty—There is discussion of whether to hold a parade of veterans rather than sweeps for veterans.

Lure Coursing—No report.

Health Seminar—Rebecca Eastman, Lee Nudo, and Lisa Patterson will head a committee, with Sherri West as consultant, to explore the possibility of holding a one-speaker (veterinarian) health seminar at the Long Beach Show, Saturday December 17, 2005.

Membership Applications: None.

Old Business: Discussion continues about donating money to Katrina animals via AKC/CAR and Take The Lead.

New Business: A Nominating Committee is selected to recommend a slate for OCRRC's 2006 BOD. Nominating committee members are Cynthia Cartwright, Lee Nudo, and Rebecca Eastman.

Rebecca suggests the club form committees, such as historian, etc., and to include members from outside the BOD. She also suggests that Committees be posted on our Web site, along with an updated calendar page.

Deb Drastrup agrees to act as liaison to Webmaster Sara Glasser, to ensure that information of upcoming club events gets to Sara for addition to the OCRRC Calendar page.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.



E A R T I P:



According to Stephanie Mateev (rr-folk), "I've finally found a bandage that'll stay on! Made by Band-Aid™, they're called Tough Strips. I've been using the large ones (for elbows/knees). It needs to be changed about once a day, but it's been great—and I don't have blood splatter everywhere!"

I'M STILL LEARNING

How long have you been with dogs?"

I asked this old chap at the show.

"Forty-odd years and more," he replied.

"Then there's not much that you wouldn't know."

"I'm still learning," he said, "I'm still learning."

And it made me ponder a while

On those who know it all in three years,

And I gave him a ghost of a smile.

You could tell he'd have none of the new-fangled,

He was old-fashioned right down to the core.

But I'll bet when judges gathered together

His name would rank up in the fore.

He would have hunted and shot over dogs

Before most of us had been born.

He'd sat with his dogs in the woods

And with them had scented the dawn.

He's bred, shown, paraded and judged,

He knew it all outside from in.

"But I'm still learning," he said, "I'm still learning."

With his quiet, unobtrusive small grin.

So all we ringside Johnny-come-latelies,

All we experts who own just one pup,

Remember that old guy's forty years of "still learning,"

And for goodness' sake learn to shut up!

—Author unknown

Treasurer's Reports *(continued on page 9)*

BEGINNING BALANCE	5/21/05	\$ 3,145.17
INCOME		
Checking Acct Interest	.17	
Specialty Lunch Orders	480.00	
Merchandise Sales	69.00	
Spring Match Income	795.00	
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 1,344.67
EXPENSE		
Specialty Ice Delivery/ABC Ice House	95.54	
Specialty Conformation Judge/Jay Hyman	539.00	
Specialty Raffle Ticket Printing/C. Schock	76.72	
Engraved Plaque for Jr. Showmanship Challenge Trophy/L & E Engraving	5.73	
Trailer Storage Space/PVI RV & Boat Storage	95.00	
Club Liability & Property Insurance/Sportsmen's	656.00	
March Rambles & May Meeting Notice/M. Nudo	108.78	
Health Seminar Room Rental/City Yorba Linda	385.00	
Check Reorder	18.62	
(3) Deposited Items Returned	36.00	
Deposited Item Returned Fee	15.00	
TOTAL EXPENSE		\$ 2,031.39
BALANCE	6/22/05	\$ 2,458.45
Regular savings	6/22/05	\$ 3,524.20
CD savings	6/22/05	\$ 6,426.25
TOTAL	6/22/05	\$12,408.90
Specialty checking account	6/22/05	\$ 3,570.56
Lure coursing account	6/22/05	\$ 1,274.12
GRAND TOTAL	08/23/05	\$17,253.58

Treasurer's Reports

BEGINNING BALANCE	6/23/05	\$ 2,458.4
INCOME		
Checking Acct Interest	.18	
TOTAL INCOME		\$.1
EXPENSE		
Specialty Date Pins/Berger	63.00	
Specialty Morning Hospitality/Berger	27.87	
Specialty Raffle Baskets/Drastrup	125.00	
Specialty Supported Entry Trophies/WHASC	75.00	
Trailer Storage Space/PVI RV & Boat Storage	95.00	
Health Seminar 2005 Print & Mailing/Eastman	90.85	
July General Meeting Speaker/Julie Hamilton	110.00	
TOTAL EXPENSE		\$584.7
BALANCE	07/21/05	\$ 1,873.9
Regular savings	07/21/05	\$3,525.6
CD savings	07/21/05	\$6,432.3
TOTAL	07/21/05	\$11,931.8
Specialty checking account	07/21/05	\$ 3,458.5
Lure coursing account	07/21/05	\$1,269.12
GRAND TOTAL	07/21/05	\$16,552.5
BEGINNING BALANCE	7/22/05	\$ 1,873.91
INCOME		
Checking Acct Interest	.17	
Raffle Donations	125.00	
Membership dues	55.00	
Redeposit returned checks	36.00	
Member payment for bank fee	20.00	
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 236.17
EXPENSE		
Mailing labels/Sherri West	11.29	
Trailer Storage space/PVI RV & Boat Storage	95.00	
Pair Networks/Web site hosting	200.17	
TOTAL EXPENSE		\$ 306.46
BALANCE	08/23/05	\$ 1,803.62
Regular savings	08/23/05	\$3,527.15
CD savings	08/23/05	\$6,439.25
TOTAL	08/23/05	\$11,770.02
Specialty checking account	08/23/05	\$ 3,446.56
Lure coursing account	08/23/05	\$ 1,250.12
GRAND TOTAL	08/23/05	\$16,466.70



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