



# Badger Golden Retriever Club Newsletter



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## CLUB PURPOSE

The objectives of the Badger Golden Retriever Club are to:

- Encourage members to perfect, by selective breeding, sound Golden retrievers and to do all possible to develop and promote their natural ability and quality, while still maintaining their exceptionally good dispositions;
- Urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club, as the only standard of excellence by which Golden retrievers shall be judged;
- Do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, field trials, obedience trials, and tracking tests;
- Conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows, field trials, and tracking tests under the rules of the American Kennel Club and WC/WCX tests under the rules of the GRCA; and
- Support and further the interests of the Golden Retriever Club of America.

## Message From The President

Hello Everyone!

I hope that everyone is enjoying our warm summer days. Summer is a natural time for field training and of course, Badger will be having a Fun Field Days event on July 21<sup>st</sup> at the home of Jim and Judy Powers. Jim and Judy are graciously allowing the use of their land and pond and will be helping those of us less versed in field work to sharpen our skills or to help introduce young dogs to the field.

If you've never done field work, our July event would be a great time to get some exposure to this important aspect of our dogs' heritage. It's also a great opportunity to learn about the equipment and procedures utilized while field training, running hunt tests or WC/WCX tests. Experienced people in attendance will be happy to explain the equipment and procedures to any who are interested.

Those of you who know Carlin Rasmussen know that last January, she suffered the heartbreaking loss of her husband, home and Golden Retrievers in a house-fire. Carlin is in the process of rebuilding her home.

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## BGRC General Membership Meeting And Fun Field Day

**Saturday, July 21, 2007**

**Please plan to arrive  
between 8:00 and 8:30 am**

**Jim & Judy Powers  
N8110 Brookdale Rd  
Sheboygan WI 53083**

**Jim and Judy will present a  
brief program on field work.**

**Bring your dog(s), a chair,  
your own water and food.**

**RSVP to  
[stollerangold@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stollerangold@sbcglobal.net)  
so birds can be available as  
needed**

**Directions:** Take I 43 north to Sheboygan. Take the last Sheboygan exit (Menards and Gander Mt on the corner.) Turn left on Hwy 42 (sign will say Howards Grove). Go 3.3 miles to Brookdale Rd. Right on Brookdale to the 3rd house on the left.

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**Message From The President**

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Her insurance isn't stretching quite far enough to take care of many of the little things necessary to running a home. Carlin has been grateful for all the support the dog community has given her to date and we all know that she would never ask for more. **I will, though.** I'm asking each of you planning on attending our July General Membership Meeting and Fun Field Days to bring a gift card for one of the following stores: JC Penney, Kohl's, WalMart or Menard's in any denomination you can afford. I will supply a housewarming card that everyone who contributes a gift card will be asked to sign. After the meeting, I will Express Mail the collected gift cards and housewarming card to Carlin. I think that we can make this last step toward Carlin's getting back into her own home easier. I thank you in advance for your generosity!

Our Hunt Test and WC/WCX test are coming up on August 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. I don't envy the job of the Chair/s in finding help. It's frustrating when an event of this magnitude requires so much manpower and the membership just doesn't seem to respond. I think a reminder that the Hunt Test is our single largest money maker of the year should help some of our members to put this into perspective. It seems that there are shows almost every weekend these days. Yes, some of them are local and with gas prices what they are, it makes it difficult to make the decision to help at the Hunt Test instead. Please remember though, that our Hunt Test is one weekend a year, a weekend where your club needs your help. Please respond positively when you get that telephone call from the Hunt Test Committee looking for your help on August 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. I'll see you there!

**BGRC General Membership Meeting Minutes May 20, 2007**

The meeting was held at HAWS in Waukesha, Wisconsin and called to order by President Sandi Haessler at 5:36 pm.

Minutes of the last meeting: Minutes of the March 25, 2007 meeting were approved as published in the April-May newsletter.

President's Report: Sandi Haessler asked members to stay for the public event following the meeting and assist with greeting guests.

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Joan Kaml reported the club's current checking balance.

Committee Reports:

Specialty: Joan Kaml reported on behalf of Edell Schaefer that she will be scheduling a meeting with Milwaukee County to discuss a contract for the facility for the 2008 show. Judges have been approved.

Membership: Sandi Haessler welcomed new members.

Breeder Referral: Nothing to report.

Field: No report.

Obedience: No report.

Conformation: No report.

Old Business:

1. Sandy Stoller reminded members that we will be participating with our dogs in the Elm Grove Memorial Day Parade and invited all to come. Participants should be at the M&I Bank parking lot on Wall Street by 9:30 am. She provided directions which will also be available on the BGRC web site.
2. John Stoller reported on trailer repairs and logo/lettering for the new trailer.

New Business:

1. Sandi Haessler asked members to think about how we can accommodate the new AKC eligibility requirements that clubs must meet to do shows. If we do not meet the requirements, we will not be able to host shows. Sandi noted there are lots of opportunities to do things for the public with tonight's program being a great start and an opportunity to learn from our experience. We might consider revisiting some of the

programs/activities done in the past. We can no longer measure results by new members or dollars. We need to focus on public education as a club. Sandy Stoller suggested we consider participation in the Pet Expo.

Pat Smith reported she sent press releases for tonight's public event to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Waukesha Freeman, and CNI community newspapers. If we do not get good attendance tonight, we may need to consider paid advertising in the future.

2. Dan Feisthammel asked a question regarding breeder regulation legislation being proposed as a response to the television reports on puppy mills. Several important points were raised:

- Legislators don't differentiate between breeders and puppy mills.
- Proposed legislation can have all sorts of repercussions for the dog owners, e.g., cost of dog ownership, availability, ability to breed, etc.
- There are also financial implications including substantial increases in dog license fees, taxes, etc.
- Puppy mills are regulated by the Department of Agriculture and the criteria applied to kennels is the same as that applied to farms.
- The first response is often to regulate breeders.

Sandi Haessler encouraged members to attend a public forum tomorrow evening at 7 pm. at the Washington County Humane Society. She also encouraged members to write and call their legislators. We need to consider how we can

keep members informed through the badgergold listserv, newsletter, and web site.

3. Sandi thanked Pat Smith, Deb Klemp, and Shirley Wolcyk for the great dinner.

Next Meeting Date: The next club event will be a Fun Field Day on Saturday, July 21. Jim and Judy Powers will be hosting the event and will do a short program on hunt tests. Those participating should bring chairs and water.

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill McEachern, Secretary

## BGRC 2007 Meeting & Event Calendar

**Saturday, July 21, Plan to arrive between 8:00 and 8:30 am.**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**Program: Fun Field Day**  
Location: Jim & Judy Powers, Sheboygan, WI

**Wednesday, August 15, 6:30 pm.**  
**BGRC Board Meeting**  
Brookfield Public Library East Wing  
1900 N. Calhoun Road  
Brookfield, WI 53005

**Sunday, September 30, 5:00 pm.**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**Program: Marty Greer, DVM**  
Animal Motel  
13175 W. Silver Spring Rd.  
Butler, WI 53007

**Wednesday, October 17 6:30 pm.**

**BGRC Board Meeting**  
Location: TBA

**Sunday, November 18, 5:00 pm.**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**Program: Holiday Pet Photos and Chili Dump**

HAWS  
701 Northview Road  
Waukesha, WI

**Wednesday, December 5 6:30 pm.**

**BGRC Board Meeting**  
Brookfield Public Library  
Rotary Room  
1900 N. Calhoun Road  
Brookfield, WI 53005

**Sunday, February 3, Noon.**

**BGRC Annual Banquet**  
Thunder Bay Grille  
Interstate 94 & Hwy J  
Pewaukee, WI



## In the Ribbons!

*New titles are in bold type  
Owner's comments in quotes*

Amberac Ramala Furrst R Deal, S-CD, CDX, RN, **RA**  
"Darby" owned by Carol Pacetti

5/5/07 Janesville-Beloit KC, Rally Advanced – 98, 1<sup>st</sup> leg  
5/6/07 Badger Kennel Club, Rally Advanced – 97, 2<sup>nd</sup> leg  
6/8/07 Milwaukee Dog Training Club, Rally Advanced – 96, 3<sup>rd</sup> Leg and a Rally Advanced Title.

"Darby at 12 years old is doing very well in Rally. He loves being talked to in the ring and still likes to jump. We are going to try the Excellent level next."



CH. U-CD SHR Ar-Kels Sweet & Sassy, CDX JH **RN**  
"Carlie" owned by Carol Pacetti

4/20/07 Fond du Lac KC, Rally Novice B – 96, 1<sup>st</sup> leg  
4/21/07 Fond du Lac KC, Rally Novice B – 84, 2<sup>nd</sup> leg

5/4/07 Badger Kennel Club, Rally Novice B – 96, 3<sup>rd</sup> leg and a new RN.

“Carlie and I had a lot of fun while earning this Rally title. She will be going on in Rally while working toward her Utility title.”



**In the Ribbons!** wants to celebrate the achievements of all members’ dogs. Send information related to new titles or certificates, legs toward a title, points, reserve wins, match wins, junior wins or placements, and specialty placements to

[wmceach@yahoo.com](mailto:wmceach@yahoo.com)

We welcome news about your dogs’ other activities as well.

In an effort to ensure brag information is complete and accurate, a brag form is available in PDF and Word formats on the web page at [www.bgrc-wi.org](http://www.bgrc-wi.org).



## Sunshine Club

The “sunshine person” sends condolences, get-well wishes, etc., to club members. In order to do this, she needs your help. If you know of a club member who has been sick, hospitalized, or lost a loved one, contact **Jean Granger at 262-547-9068**.



## Hunt Test Help Wanted!

Submitted by John Stoller

The BGRC August Hunt Test is one of our club’s major annual events and contributes to the funds needed to support other club activities. The Hunt Test is only viable if club members actively support this event. **BGRC needs your help!** The following volunteer positions are open. Jump on board now, have some fun, and meet your club work requirements at the same time. Hunt Test positions that need to be filled and responsibilities are summarized below.

Not sure you know what to do? Join us at the July 21 Fun Field Day to learn more about these positions.

### Junior A and B

Position (number needed)	Responsibilities
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Marshals (2) Marshals take numbers of dogs and make sure they are at the line when they should be - similar to a table steward in obedience.

Wingers (2) Wingers operate the bird tosses for the live gunners and dead bird stakes.

Poppers (2) Poppers pop the dead rounds for the dead bird stakes.

Bird Tosser (2) Tossers toss the dead bird by hand where there are no wingers.

### Senior

Position (number needed)	Responsibilities
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Marshal (1) Marshals take numbers of dogs and make sure they are at the line when they should be - similar to a table steward in obedience.

Winger (1) Wingers operate the bird tosses for the live gunners and dead bird stakes.

Popper (1) Poppers pop the dead rounds for the dead bird stakes.

Bird tosser (1) Tossers toss the dead bird by hand where there are no wingers.

Dead bird planter (1) Planters plant a dead bird for each dog on the blind retrieve.

## Sarah Kalnais Seminar

Submitted by Deb Lukasik

GRRoW is proud to announce that they will be again hosting a Sarah Kalnais Seminar on September 15 & 16 in Madison. Sarah is a well known behaviorist and teaches the Language of Dogs. I have personally seen Sarah three times and I’m always excited about learning something new from her.

Sarah Kalnais is a Certified Dog Behavior Consultant (International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants) and Certified Pet Dog Trainer (Association of Pet Dog

Trainers) with over ten years experience working in canine behavior, training, and research. She is the owner of Blue Dog Training & Behavior in Madison, Wisconsin.

Sarah is a professional member of the ABMA (Animal Behavior Management Alliance), APDT (Association of Pet Dog Trainers), IAABC (International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants), and the IAACAB (International Institute for Applied Companion Animal Behavior). She is one of the editors of the peer-reviewed "Journal of Applied Companion Animal Behavior," and is a member of the advisory board and faculty of the Companion Animal Sciences Institute specializing in the areas of behavior evaluation and modification in shelter and rescue settings.

Sarah is the producer of the popular and highly praised DVD series, "Language of Dogs" and "Am I Safe".

A popular speaker and freelance writer, Sarah has presented seminars nationwide on topics relating to dog training and behavior. She has been interviewed by BBC radio, NBC television, Wisconsin Public Radio, Women's Health & Fitness magazine, and Honolulu magazine, and has written articles for APDT Chronicle of the Dog, Madison magazine, Allpets, and other publications.

She has extensive experience as an expert witness in both civil and criminal litigation relating to dog aggression.

Sarah serves as a consultant to a number of humane societies in Southern Wisconsin, training staff and implementing evaluation protocols and training and behavior programs. She is well known for her evaluation protocol

(the Blue Dog Behavior Assessment) as well as the Dog-Safe Waist Restraint System used by shelters and dog owners who need to evaluate or work with reactive, fearful or aggressive dogs.

In addition to her work with dogs, Sarah has participated extensively in dolphin and humpback whale research.

If you are interested in receiving a PDF file of the seminar brochures, please e-mail me directly.



## From BadgerGold

*From BadgerGold* summarizes key information and updates posted to BadgerGold, our club's private listserv to enhance communication among members. This column covers the period February 16 – April 15.

If you are not currently a subscriber to BadgerGold, you can subscribe by simply sending an email to [badgergold-  
subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:badgergold-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). Be sure to provide your full name and the email address you want to use. For further information about BadgerGold please refer to the February/March 2005 newsletter (available online if you have long since recycled your old newsletters).

The BadgerGold URL is <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/badgergold/>.  
From AKC: Preliminary Results Of The Mixed Breed Survey. We thank you for taking the time to

complete the recent AKC Mixed Breed Program Survey. AKC conducted this survey of purebred dog fanciers in order to gather opinions on the concept of allowing mixed breed dogs to compete in certain AKC events. While much of the data is still being analyzed, the preliminary results indicate a majority of support for continuing to explore this program. Below we have summarized some demographic information on the respondents. You may respond to this email if you have comments, suggestions, questions, or other input. Please note that more details on the specific survey results will be shared during the upcoming Delegates meeting on June 11th. Following that meeting, these additional results will be shared with the fancy via the AKC web site and this email list.

### Respondents:

- \* AKC Delegates – received via both hard copy and email
- \* AKC Club Presidents and Secretaries – received via email
- \* Other Fanciers – notified by their Club President, Secretary or via [akc.org](http://akc.org)
- \* In total over 21,000 people completed the survey (including paper and email)

### Respondent Demographics:

- \* 84% Purebred Dog Owners
- \* 70% Exhibitors
- \* 50% Club Member
- \* 76% now own, or have owned, a mixed breed dog

### Sport Participation of Respondents:

- \* More than 50% have been involved in the sport for 16 or more years
- \* Over 60% currently compete in Conformation or have in the past
- \* Over 50% currently compete in Agility or have in the past
- \* Nearly 70% currently compete in

Obedience or have in the past

Club Affiliation of Respondents:

- \* 51% belong to Specialty Clubs
- \* 34% belong to All-Breed Clubs
- \* 33% belong to Obedience Clubs
- \* 31% belonged to Agility Clubs
- \* 64% said that their club already offered at least some training classes for mixed breed dogs

Again, thank you for taking our survey and we look forward to keeping you informed as we move forward.

Regards,  
AKC Staff

Sweepstakes Questions And

Answers. The GRCA Board has received numerous emails on the proposed Sweepstakes revisions, both pro and con, and we thank you for your input. At the present the responses reflect 65% in favor and 35% opposed. Several of those opposed are only opposed because of the proposed sole owner requirement. We are definitely considering amending this resolution to allow professionals to own dogs with members of their immediate family or legal domestic partners.

We've tried to answer some questions and consolidate the responses in the information below.

1. Why did the Board decide to change the Sweepstakes Guidelines?

The Board didn't decide to change them. Every year we receive an increasing number of complaints about Sweepstakes, particularly in the Handler Qualification area. In some cases these situations resulted in awards being denied and monies and prizes being returned. As a result of these complaints, the Board established a Sweepstakes Task Force, called

for volunteers to serve, and appointed members to it.

(Res. 06-54 and 06-72.) Both of these resolutions were published on the GRCA Info List and in the *GRNews*.

The Task Force worked for several months seeking input from GRCA members and presented a report to the Board at the Midyear meeting in April, 2007. The Board polished the final wording and proposed Res. 07-31 which is what is being debated. The entire Sweepstakes Guidelines was not part of the Task Force's report, only those sections which are in Res.07-31.

The changes are a result of escalating problems with the current Guidelines; the Board heard the complaints and is attempting to remedy them.

2. Can I still show my co-owned puppy in Sweeps if I also show a dog for a friend in the regular classes?

Yes. The only part of the Sweepstakes Guidelines which is being changed is the Handler Qualifications as they relate to professional handlers. If you are not a professional, you can show dogs in Sweeps which you co-own.

3. Why must pros be the sole owner?

While some people feel that the simplest solution is to just not allow any professional handlers to show in Sweepstakes, we did not want to exclude those Golden breeders who are also professional handlers from exhibiting their own dogs. Sole ownership was felt to be the clearest way of permitting this. However, much of the input we received spoke to the issue of allowing members of a professional's immediate family including legal domestic partners

to also exhibit. If this is truly the wish of the membership, we can amend the resolution to permit this.

4. Why didn't you just say "amateur" handler?

There is no easy, accepted definition of an amateur handler. In our preliminary discussions we tried many ways to define and prove "amateur" status, even investigating the use of this term for field trials. The use of the "agent" term and the registry numbers was suggested by professional handlers themselves.

5. How would these Guidelines be enforced?

The same way the Guidelines are currently enforced, by a protest lodged with the Bench Show Committee. Enforcement would not be up to the judge or the stewards as some have feared.

But more than the Bench Show Committee, we expect the members to police themselves. There are ways around anything, we don't deny that. But when you look at the Sweepstakes ribbon your dog won, wouldn't you like to know that you won it fair and square, without having to resort to bending the rules? In the end, you have to live with yourself.

One member wrote that: The intention of limiting and defining who can handle a dog in the sweepstakes class is for the purpose of allowing the "true" owner and/or "true" breeder of the sweepstakes entry to exhibit the dog. We call upon the participants' integrity to respect the spirit of this rule.

We think that sums it up. The intent of the Sweepstakes Guidelines is not to be taken lightly.

6. Are there alternatives to what has been proposed in Res. 07-31?

These are some of the suggestions that have been made:

A. Professional handlers should never be allowed to show in Sweepstakes. By allowing professional handlers to show their own dogs, we attempted not to penalize true Golden breeders.

B. Sweepstakes should have no requirements on handlers at all. If this route is taken, what is the difference between Sweepstakes and the regular classes?

C. Sweepstakes should be eliminated; awards for Best Puppy and Best Veteran should be awarded from the regular classes. While the Board is not ready to go this far at this point, this may happen if the intent of Sweeps continues to be blatantly violated.

D. A professional handler must be both the breeder and the owner to be eligible to exhibit in Sweepstakes. This would be a possible amendment, as would allowing a member of the immediate family to also be a co-owner.

E. In lieu of putting a professional handler on a Sweepstakes entry, an owner should be allowed to put a Junior Handler on as a co-owner. This is possible now.

F. There should be two Sweepstakes, one for Amateurs and one for anyone. More people seem to favor eliminating Sweepstakes entirely than the option of holding two separate events.

7. Why aren't stud dog owners permitted to show in Sweepstakes?

While some feel this a good idea, the owner of a stud dog is impossible to track and verify. The

owner's name is not listed on the entry form nor does it appear in the catalog. Since ownership can change, the names of those who owned the dog at the time the breeding took place cannot be ascertained. Frozen semen can be purchased and the purchaser can then be considered the owner. In addition, the current owner can store semen and then sell the dog. When the semen is sold for breeding, the owner of the semen is no longer the owner of the dog. In addition, when dogs are campaigned, owners sign on and sign off the dog multiple times thus making the actual stud dog owner at the time of conception almost impossible to prove.

8. Wouldn't these proposed changes be a financial burden on small clubs?

The proposed revisions apply to only those events held in GRCA's name: The National and the three Regionals. While we would hope that member clubs would also follow the guidelines, they are not required to do so. Many GRCA member clubs already have different handler requirements for Sweepstakes at their independent specialties; that would not change.

9. Why are there special provisions for handicapped handlers?

These are not part of the proposed changes, they are currently a part of the Sweepstakes Guidelines. They follow the AKC provisions for disabled individuals and spell out the types of accommodations that can and should be made.

10. I am both a professional handler and a Golden breeder. I sell all my puppies on a co-ownership basis. If this resolution passes, I would not be allowed to show those puppies.

This is correct; you would be allowed to show the puppies you bred and own, but not those you

co-own. When you chose to become a professional handler, you accepted a different set of rights and responsibilities. However, what you can do is to encourage your co-owners to show those puppies themselves. Become a mentor: help them and teach them. None of us were born knowing how to handle or groom, we all had to learn from someone. Who better than you? There is perhaps greater satisfaction in watching someone you have helped win a ribbon than there is in winning it yourself.

Barb Branstad  
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Progressive Retinal Atrophy:  
Research Samples Needed.

Golden Retrievers that have been diagnosed with Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA) by a board-certified veterinary ophthalmologist may be able to help develop a genetic test for this disease.

Fortunately, PRA is a rare diagnosis in Golden Retrievers, and is not the same thing as retinal dysplasia. PRA causes retinal degeneration and progresses over time to blindness. An isolated case of PRA in a Golden Retriever was recently tested at OptiGen, (a small genetic testing company specializing in inherited eye diseases in dogs) and was shown to be caused by a type of PRA called prcd. The prcd mutation observed in this Golden Retriever is also the cause of PRA in 20 other breeds of dogs, including Chesapeake Bay, Labrador, and Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers (information on the DNA test for the prcd-PRA gene is available online at [http://www.optigen.com/opt9\\_test\\_prcd\\_pra.html](http://www.optigen.com/opt9_test_prcd_pra.html)). We do not know the prevalence of the prcd-PRA in the Golden Retriever compared to other forms of PRA however we do know that there is at least one other cause of PRA besides prcd

in this breed. Only a few PRA affected Golden Retrievers have been tested for the prcd mutation and, as yet, no others have been shown to have the prcd form of PRA. Given the small numbers of PRA affected dogs that have been tested, it is difficult to accurately say whether prcd is an important cause of PRA in Golden Retrievers. However, at this point it appears that another unidentified mutation is more common than prcd in the breed.

Golden Retrievers with PRA are needed to determine the prevalence of prcd compared to other causes of PRA in the breed. Additionally, samples which are found to represent the non-prcd type(s) of PRA will be included in ongoing studies to identify new mutations responsible for this disease. Eligibility must be pre-approved by OptiGen before sample submission. Requirements for participation include:

- \* Eye examination showing a definitive diagnosis of PRA by a board-certified veterinary ophthalmologist
- \* 4 to 5 generation pedigree
- \* Completed order form printed from the OptiGen website ([www.optigen.com](http://www.optigen.com))
- \* Pre-approval from OptiGen (contact OptiGen at [Genetest@optigen.com](mailto:Genetest@optigen.com) or by telephone at 607-257-0301 or Fax: 607-257-0353)
- \* 1-3 ml whole unclotted blood (in a lavender top tube)

OptiGen will test PRA affected dogs at no charge, provided the appropriate paperwork is received in addition to the sample. Pre-approval is needed to avoid sending samples which do not meet the research criteria.

Hot Topics: April 17, 2007. The following letter was faxed to Chairman Eng and all the representatives on the Assembly

Committee on Business and Professions.

April 16, 2007

The Honorable Mike Eng  
Chair, Assembly Committee on Business and Professions  
1020 N Street, Room 124  
Sacramento CA 95814

Attention: Tracy Rhine, Committee Consultant

Re: CA AB 1634, "California Healthy Pets Act", as amended  
April 9, 2007

WE WISH TO BE COUNTED AS OPPOSING CALIFORNIA AB1634  
WE WISH TO BE COUNTED AS OPPOSING AMENDMENTS TO CALIFORNIA AB1634

Dear Chairman Eng:

The Golden Retriever Club of America (GRCA) and its membership oppose AB1634 and request to be included in the listing of those opposed. The GRCA is the largest member club of The American Kennel Club with a membership of over 5000 individuals. We have three large member-clubs in the State of California as well as a significant membership of voting age throughout the State. We ask our members to take note of those who proffer broad legislation initiatives that criminalizes the educated, careful and selective breeder while offering no solution to deal with those who operate outside the existing laws and who always stay one step ahead of enforcement.

I have to question whether anyone has truly thought out the intended repercussions of this bill other than a knee-jerk response to the scare tactics of the wealthy animal rights groups. The lawmakers in California who proposed this legislation have apparently not

sought the expertise and advice of the many responsible breeders, trainers, dog clubs and service organizations, groups with significant experience in the matters of the dog world.

Before you make your decisions we ask you to consider the enormous positive impact our education efforts and good breeding practices have brought forth to your constituents. Golden Retrievers and their owners are often in the forefront of community service and volunteerism.

This includes but is not limited to the highly successful Paws for Reading Program that has had a significant positive impact on children with reading disabilities; the Canine assistance organizations that provide hearing, seizure detection and guide dogs. Your own customs and border patrol who use our dogs for drug and explosives detection with an efficiency and low cost unmatched by other means. The volunteer Search and Rescue groups that aid in disaster relief, lost children recovery and senior center assistance. These are dogs that are pure bred by our breeders where temperament, reliability and overall health are primary elements that enter into careful selective breeding. Your proposed legislation will be the end of these social services in the state of California.

Purebred dogs, because of their genetic predictability, are also at the forefront of both cancer detection and cancer research. The Golden Retriever is a perfect model for detection and treatment of cancer in humans. The GRCA makes significant donations of money, DNA and blood and tissue samples for this important research. In addition, the Golden, known for its extraordinary scent discrimination, has been reliable in the detection of melanoma and

other skin cancers and bladder cancer.

Along with our extensive education efforts, we encourage our membership to consider the voting records of those elected officials in areas that affect their rights as breeders and privileges as dog owners.

We sincerely hope you will reconsider your support of this bill and consider our reasons for opposing it along with respect for our extensive 75-year history of promoting education, research and responsible dog ownership.

Yours truly,

Christine M. Miele  
President, Golden Retriever Club of America, Inc.  
On behalf of the Board of Directors  
GRCA, Inc.

## AKC Obedience and Rally Judging Seminars

The Oshkosh Kennel Club is holding judging seminars that meet AKC educational requirements for AKC obedience and rally judges.

The seminars are on Saturday, July 7 and Sunday, July 8. Fees are \$50 for both days or \$30 for one day.

Contact Karen Combs by email [thptgsp@yahoo.com](mailto:thptgsp@yahoo.com) or telephone at 920-303-0240 for further information.

## The Whelping Box Plus

[Editor's note: Please contact me at [wmceach@yahoo.com](mailto:wmceach@yahoo.com) and, if possible, post to BadgerGold information on any older dogs that need placement. Puppy

information should go to Edell Schaefer.]

Breeder referral listings included in this column are from members of the BGRC who abide by the GRCA Code of Ethics, have submitted all health clearances to the BGRC Breeder Referral Chair, and are approved for referrals.

**Reminder:** The meeting attendance and work requirement rules passed at the November, 2006 general membership meeting apply to breeder referral eligibility. Be sure to document your club service with approved work sheets if you plan to complete a breeder referral application for 2008.

## Dog Legislation

By John Hoffman [Reprinted from *Dog News* at [www.dognews.com](http://www.dognews.com)]

New dog-restrictive legislation is popping up every week all over the country. Over the years, dog limit laws have become common in many parts of the country. More recently, many jurisdictions have enacted breed-specific legislation (BSL), advertised as a cure for attacks by dangerous dogs. Most recently in vogue are proposals for mandatory spay/neuter (MSN) laws, advertised as a solution to the high rates of euthanasia of unwanted pets.

The dog fancy wins some battles. We lose some. Slowly, surely, though, we are losing the war.

To turn the tide, the dog fancy needs to think carefully and realistically about what has worked successfully to oppose bad legislation and what we can do better. We then must make rational and practical decisions about how we can effectively take a lead role in determining what happens, rather than simply objecting to what others propose.

The first step is realistically appraising our strengths and weaknesses and those of the proponents of ever more regulation.

### Fact One: We Will Inevitably Lose In the Long Term When We Are Always On Defense

We have largely let our opponents take the lead role in proposing solutions to pet-related problems. We then react to legislation proposed by those who see more onerous regulation on owning and breeding dogs (and cats) as the answer. The result? When the other side wins, regulations become more onerous. When we win, things stay status quo.

If we are moved back whenever the other side wins, and just hold our ground when we win, inevitably we will be forced farther and farther back the longer the legislative war continues. Furthermore, we will lose more often than necessary if we do not act preemptively in proposing realistic and practical solutions of our own BEFORE the other side acts.

### Fact Two: We Cannot Win a Short-Term Public Relations Battle

The public is busy. People have their own jobs, their own families, their own problems. To get the attention and support of most people, you need something that gets their attention in 60 seconds or less and has emotional appeal. People being mauled by aggressive dogs will do the trick. So will pictures of dogs being led off to be euthanized. Constitutional rights of dog breeders will not.

Ask yourself this: Why are the humane organizations like HSUS and ASPCA able to amass large amounts of money every year that they can then use to further shape public opinion? Why are NAIA and

ADOA able to raise only relatively tiny amounts of contributions? The answer to both questions is that the humane organizations' position has more emotional appeal.

That quality pets may be more difficult or more expensive to find and buy in the future is not today's problem for most people. Anyone who thinks that we can quickly mobilize public opinion against MSN issues or differential licensing fees for intact animals is deluding himself. MSN and intact license fees adversely affect too few people to be a mobilizing factor for most of the public. We have been more successful in defeating BSL that restricts ownership of certain breeds than we have been in defeating MSN legislation. Why? Because many of the proposed BSL ordinances would directly and viscerally impact large numbers of people who would have to give up beloved pets of the affected breeds. MSN, in contrast, affects fewer people outside of the fancy and affects most of them much less significantly.

Most fights over state and local dog legislation last only a month or two. That is enough time for emotional soundbites. It is not enough time to explain, educate, and persuade the public or legislators concerning the much more complex realities.

We will lose most short-term public relations battles over MSN legislation.

#### Fact Three: Legislators Prefer Simple Answers That Are Easy To Explain To the Electorate

Like everyone else, politicians are busy. They also have a constant stream of people wanting governmental assistance with respect to issues of concern. They never have enough money or other resources to accomplish everything that people want done.

Soundbites are thus as effective in getting legislators' attention as they are in other circumstances.

Getting re-elected is a high priority for most legislators. To get re-elected, they need to trumpet their accomplishments clearly and specifically. It does not matter much if legislation they have passed will not work as advertised. It does not matter much if the advertised benefits will ever be realized. It does not matter because those things are hard for opponents to explain and sell to the voters. Legislators need things that sound like benefits today. It is difficult for them to get credit for long-term planning that will provide benefits in future years when they may have left office.

Superficially, "pet overpopulation" sounds like an accurate description of the cause of large numbers of unwanted pets being euthanized. Superficially, legislation that restricts breeding more pets sounds like a plausible solution to the problem. Passing such legislation is a "solution" that legislators can advertise as an accomplishment. In contrast, "better enforcement of existing laws" sounds like spending more money to do the same as has been done before. It should come as no surprise that new legislation is generally a more attractive option to a legislator than a recommendation for better enforcement of existing laws. That does not mean that legislators cannot be persuaded to pursue better solutions. It does mean, though, that the job is not easy and that it takes - usually much more time than is available during a fight over adverse legislation that has already been introduced.

#### Fact Four: Self-Funding Proposals Are Attractive To Politicians

A proposal that requires no new tax funds is a "freebie". Legislators

like freebies as much as anyone else. Most proposals for new dog-related legislation involve payment of any costs through new fees upon dog breeders or other groups (e.g., owners of intact dogs) that form a tiny part of the electorate. Indeed, those fees are usually advertised as being part of the solution, rather than as new taxes. On the other hand, better enforcement of existing laws almost always requires more funding - funding which is almost always in short supply. Which do you think sounds better to a legislator?

If we want to be successful, we need to propose solutions that can be enacted with little additional cost to the government.

#### Fact Five: Money Buys Access. And The Other Side Has Much More

Politicians who want to be re-elected need to amass campaign funds for the next election. Who is a more likely source of campaign contributions? Humane organizations that have millions of dollars, or dog breeders who do not? Face the facts. We will always be at a big disadvantage, compared to the humane organizations, when it comes to campaign contributions. Again, the disadvantage is not decisive, but it is a disadvantage that we in the fancy must recognize and take into account.

#### Fact Six: Demonizing Our Opponents Is Counterproductive

No one likes extremists. That's why there is a tendency in any fight to label the other side as such. Such terms help mobilize the committed, but they do not convince the unconvinced. For example, Rush Limbaugh calling Nancy Pelosi an "extremist" may bring in more contributions to the Republican Party from its

supporters, but it does nothing to change the minds of Democrats.

Look at the Web sites of mainstream humane organizations like HSUS and ASPCA. Put aside whether you believe they are telling the truth about their goals. Do those sites sound extremist? Clearly not, in the minds of most people. HSUS and ASPCA send out thousands of pieces of mail every day expressing the same views that they express on their Web sites. Those mailings bring in millions of dollars of contributions. That would not be the case if donors considered the messages "extremist". Contrast what is said on the HSUS and ASPCA Web sites with what is said on the PETA Website. Clearly, they look very different. In view of those differences, asserting that there is no difference between HSUS and ASPCA, on the one hand, and PETA, on the other, will not persuade many people who are not already of that view.

Describing as "extremist" views that much of the public regards as reasonable makes the speaker appear unreasonable. Whatever our own views may be, we need to think more carefully about how our words are likely to be interpreted by others. Public perception is a reality. Ignoring that reality is a roadmap for losing.

#### Fact Seven: We Are Not Adequately Mobilizing Our Base

Numbers count in supporting or opposing legislation. Few legislators want to buck a large, mobilized segment of the electorate. Reasoned arguments in support of one's position are important, but numbers do count.

Recently, in helping the fancy to oppose the currently pending statewide MSN legislation in California (AB 1634), the AKC (a) contacted officers of more than

2,000 California dog club officers to ask them to oppose AB 1634, (b) contacted more than 14,750 individuals in California who registered a litter with AKC in the past three years, asking them to contact the Business and Professions Committee and their Assembly member, and (c) contacted over 90,000 Californians who have registered a litter or a dog with the AKC in recent years, asking them to oppose the bill through a letter writing campaign as well as personal office visits. The bill analysis provided by Committee Counsel reported that about 1,000 letters in opposition to AB 1634 were received before the Business and Professions Committee hearing on April 24, at which the Committee voted 7-3 in favor of AB 1634. That meager response of only about 1,000 letters to a measure that would have profound effect on fanciers in California came despite AKC's efforts to provide sample letters that could be downloaded, customized, printed, and mailed with less than an hour's effort. Would the result have been different had the Committee received 5,000 or 10,000 letters in opposition? Probably.

The AKC has taken much more vigorous action in the past couple of years than it has in the past. But the AKC cannot do the job alone, or even with just the help of those particularly interested in opposing legislation. All dog clubs need to become much more involved in selling their members on the importance of sending letters of opposition when adverse legislation is proposed. I am speaking of sending real letters, not just forwarding e-mails. Legislators know how easy it is to get people with even minimal interest to respond when all that is involved is a couple of clicks of a mouse. They pay much more attention when someone is interested enough to take the time

and effort to send a real letter, even if it is partly a form letter.

#### Fact Eight: What Our Opponents Are Proposing Is Simplistic and Cannot Work

As discussed above, our opponents in the MSN battle have many advantages over us. We, however, have the trump card, if we play it intelligently. The trump card is that what the other side is proposing has not worked, will not work, and cannot work, to achieve its stated objectives. In fact, what the other side is proposing will likely worsen the problems they are trying to solve.

Why? Their basic assumption, that every dog not bred means one less dog euthanized is simply and fundamentally wrong. We do not have a pet overpopulation problem, we have an unwanted pet problem. They are different. If there were a pet overpopulation problem, it would be self-correcting because breeders with inventories of unsold puppies would stop breeding. The animals being euthanized are not puppies. The great majority is large, mixed-breed, adult dogs. The root cause of the appalling rates of euthanasia is acquisition of animals without a clear understanding of the time, work and expense involved in responsible dog ownership. Indeed, many of the people who surrender their animals to shelters turn around and buy new puppies, blaming the problem on the pet rather than on themselves. The unstated assumption of our opponents is that reducing the numbers of purebred puppies that are bred will cause more shelter dogs to be adopted. That is a fundamental misconception. A family who wants a small purebred puppy is not going to instead adopt a large adult mixed-breed dog if they have trouble finding the puppy they want locally. They will simply buy from a seller somewhere else

in the country or, increasingly, from foreign sellers. In doing so, they will not receive the screening and education they receive from responsible hobby breeders. Also, buyers who purchase pets sight unseen are much more likely to receive pets with chronic health ailments and/or unsuitable temperaments. As a result, the surrender rates will almost certainly increase.

### Conclusion

We have been fighting the legislative war in battles in which the other side has selected the time, place and issues. They, of course, choose to fight where and when they think they have the best chances of winning. Sure, they sometimes make poor choices and we win. Sometimes they overreach and we win. But every time we win, they come back with a revised proposal that improves their chances of winning. Sometimes, our "wins" lead to only more serious losses, as happened in Los Angeles County, where we successfully derailed a breed-

specific MSN law, only to have the Los Angeles County Supervisors enact an all-breed MSN ordinance instead.

We must take the initiative, and make maximum use of our strengths in proposing reasonable and effective solutions to the unwanted pet problem in ways that will not unduly burden the fancy or the taxpayers. We cannot continue to let the other side define the issues and choose the battles.

## **Walk With An Old Dog**

(By Gayle Jokiel)  
Submitted by Sandy Stoller

Because you will not be forever,  
Hope against time though I may,  
Paint your picture in my memory,  
Eyes blue with age, muzzle gone gray.

Because you walked with me in  
springtime,  
Puppy-clumsy, running free.  
As you grew, we grew together --  
You became a part of me.

Because I shared with you my  
sorrows,  
Not understanding -- simply there.  
Often spurring me to laughter --  
My friend, you know how much I  
care.

Because the years have slowed  
your fleetness,  
Though your spirit still is strong.  
I promise I will take more time  
now,  
So that you can go along.  
Because you do not fear the  
future,  
Living only in the now,  
I draw strength from your example  
...  
Yet time keeps slipping by  
somehow.

Because the day will soon be  
coming  
When I will no longer see  
You rise to greet me - but in  
memory  
You will always walk with me.

## **Golden Memories**

CH. Keepers Seventh Heaven, CDX - "Millie" owned by Carol Pacetti. January 20, 1998 to May 29, 2007.

Millie was a beautiful and talented little girl. Her beauty brought her an AKC championship. Her talent and consistency in obedience showed me she would have been a UDX dog. She loved both Utility and Open. She excelled in all of the Utility exercises and was almost ready to show for her UD. In Open, she jumped with style and presented the dumbbell in her beautiful champion fashion while having no problems with sits and downs.

She also was a dog of a couple of firsts for me. She was my first champion and also the mother of four little girls born in 2002 which was the very first litter ever for me. She was a good mom in all respects even recently having a grand time playing with her five-year old daughter, Mia, but yet being able to put her in her place. She was a fabulous girl and will always be my "Silly Millie".

I know she is happily wagging her tail upon meeting her packmate and good buddy "Logunn" at the Rainbow Bridge and will always be watching lovingly over her family with her great smile. Thank you, Jean Taylor, for picking out this beautiful, precious girl for me and entrusting me with her care. Millie will be deeply missed by all of us.

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## 2008 BGRC Specialty Information

Submitted by Edell Schaeffer

### February 29, 2008 – Specialty Show, Obedience Trial, Rally

- Host: Badger GRC (SE Wisconsin)
- Site: Milwaukee County Sports Complex, Franklin, WI  
(Note: expanded space available!)
- Judges: Rhonda Hovan – Conformation  
Cheryl Stager – Sweepstakes (Puppy & Veterans)  
Wayne Koutsky – Obedience (Novice A & B, Open A & B, Utility A & B, Non-regular – Veterans)  
Randall Wojcik – Rally (all classes)
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- Secy: Joan Kaml, 4480 N. 144 St., Brookfield, WI 53005; 262-781-8072 (evenings only); email: jkaml at sbcglobal.net

### March 1, 2008 – Specialty Show, Obedience Trial, Rally

- Host: Badger GRC (SE Wisconsin)
- Site: Milwaukee County Sports Complex, Franklin, WI  
(Note: expanded space available!)
- Judges: Deborah Kahla-Kvamme – Conformation; Junior Showmanship  
Peter Steger – Sweepstakes (Puppy & Veterans)  
Julianne Cepulis – Obedience (Novice A & B, Open A & B, Utility A & B, Non-regular – Veterans)  
Debby McNamara – Rally (all classes)
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## Have no doubt, the driving forces behind the 2007 WI Pet Facilities Act wants ALL breeders licensed!

Submitted by Tracey Johnston, DFOV

Due to irresponsible, unsubstantiated journalism by Milwaukee area WTMJ-4 news and their I-Team reporter John Mercure, Wisconsin faces at least five breeder licensing bills in the upcoming legislative session. Legislative people throughout Wisconsin, responding to their constituents who called them in tears about "those poor puppies in those awful puppy mills", decided to take on the task of writing legislation. It doesn't matter that the news cast was full of false suppositions and undocumented claims. It also doesn't apparently matter that the facilities featured in the newscast were licensed by the USDA and the USDA had NO RECORD OF COMPLAINTS for those facilities. Contrary to the information broadcast by WTMJ-4, there are existing State, Local, and Federal Animal Health and Animal Cruelty laws that COULD be enforced, if indeed there were violations and if anyone bothered to report those claims.

The "Wisconsin Puppy Mills" vendetta against breeders began years ago, when the leader of the group made the mistake of purchasing a poorly bred puppy which caused the woman to "bankrupt her family", or so she states. We don't know the circumstances behind this woman's decision to spend thousands of dollars to try and make her puppy well, and frankly, we don't care. She made the

decision to purchase the puppy – no one forced her to make that decision.

This woman was also the driving force behind the 2003 Pet Facilities Act. You must all remember the bill that passed with the standards of care being written in after the fact? Those standards of care which would have put a stop to hobbyist breeding, unless of course you wanted to tear up the carpeting in your home and put in drains so that the puppies would be raised on surfaces "impervious to water".

The frightening thing about our situation is that this woman with a personal vendetta also appears to have an animal rights agenda. Animal rights extremists are masters at manipulating the media and in turn, the legislative body by twisting the truth and telling outright lies. They have an almost "cult-like" belief in their goals and will not give up.

**Have no doubt that some of the upcoming bills that are before drafters as this article is being written will target ALL BREEDERS, and not just the substandard ones. Representative Weickert states "his bill will attempt to enact state standards on dog breeders of all sizes, rather than past legislative efforts focusing on breeders selling a minimum number of animals per year."** <sup>(1)</sup>

The Dog Federation of Wisconsin believes that those involved with writing this type of "feel good" legislation are generally unqualified to do so. They are being guided by animal rights activists that hope that all breeders are eliminated by intrusive legislation. Mr. Wegner of the Clark County HS stated in an article that he wrote regarding a

dog auction "There are also "hobby breeders" who just like a particular breed and wish to add to their stock." <sup>(2)</sup>

If Mr. Wegner had an inkling of just what a hobbyist does, he would know that the above statement was entirely false. A reputable hobbyist would ONLY PURCHASE A DOG that would fit into their long range goals, and that purchase would be made from another hobbyist that would provide proof of all health checks (as determined by age), as well as a documented pedigree. A reputable breeder would have also studied the pedigree of a given animal to see if they would fit into their long range plans. This type of hobbyist transaction would TAKE YEARS of study to complete.

The proposal offered by Eilene Ribbens Rhode-Executive Director of the Wisconsin Puppy Mill Project and Debby Lewis President (Elect) of the Wisconsin Federated Humane Societies includes this sentence:

***c. Farmers having an occasional litter of puppies or kittens for sale would also be exempt.***

If the supposed goal of this group is to eliminate sub-standard breeding facilities, why did they include the above line? It sounds to us as if they want everyone regulated – especially hobbyists. Why are they targeting hobbyists? Because WE are the best source for legislative people to get information from. WE are the experts in regards to how to raise a quality, home-bred pet. WE have the resources available to address the different requirements needed because of canine diversity. WE recognize that you cannot raise a litter of toy dogs in the same manner that you would raise a litter of Arctic dogs. WE

understand that even though we may not emotionally approve of commercial breeding facilities, there is a need for these businesses as WE cannot come close to meeting the supply and demand for puppies in this State.

WE, the hobbyists, bring millions of dollars to our State's economy. It is time that the legislators of Wisconsin takes note of the fact that it is not uncommon for a hobbyist to spend \$3,000.00 - \$7,000.00 a year on their hobby and that is if they aren't even breeding a litter and own less than 5 dogs!

The legislators of the State of Wisconsin need to hear our voices in a united front against the animal rights activists. No more should these extremists groups be given the opportunity to try and eliminate pets from our lives. Horrible legislation is being introduced throughout the United States.

DFOW will ask you to write letters to your area legislative representatives. The letter might go into detail regarding the lack of enforcement of existing laws and why additional laws will not help any substandard breeding facility situation. Explain that responsible dog owners are already typically compliant with local animal regulations and that the irresponsible owners will continue to be irresponsible. Make a point to tell your congress people how much money you spend on your hobby in a year and how intrusive Government regulations may make many people abandon their hobby. Tell them why the past breeder licensing bill Standards of Care, written after the fact, would have effectively eliminated hobby breeding. Above all, be polite in your correspondence and speak from the heart. Do not provide any information that cannot be

#### Animal Rights Driven Bills

**CA AB1634— wants puppies sterilized at 4 months of age.**

**The District of Columbia wants puppies sterilized at 6 months of age, owners to be reclassified as guardians, and give police powers to any animal organization that believes an animal is being treated poorly.**

**New Jersey has two bad bills – one that removes the existing sportsmen and farmers from their Fish and Game committee and has them replaced with appointees from the Governor. The other would put an end to training with any live game.**

**Ohio and Minnesota also have bad bills, written by unqualified individuals that do not understand the environment in which a hobbyist would raise a litter of pups.**

**How would you like to spend \$500.00 for a breeder's permit in order to have intact dogs, even if you only raise one litter in 3 years? Think this simply can't be possible? It is a law already in some CA and CO communities.**

**With licensing structures and standards of care being written after the bill is developed, the Rules committee could make breeder licensing fees so high, they could "bankrupt" a hobbyist.**

validated. As opposed to animal rights extremists, we ask that above all, you are honest and do not tell lies or half truths.

Please join the Dog Federation of Wisconsin and help us win this battle! This legislative session lasts two years. Even if a bill is written that initially would not infringe on hobbyist's rights, that bill may be amended many times before it becomes law. Additional bills may also be introduced during this time. DFOW will be hiring a lobbyist to help protect hobbyist's interests. This is a huge expense and we need funds to fight this battle. Please consider making a donation to DFOW.

(1) Mr. Weickert' statement was taken from the Appleton Post Crescent on June 9, 2007:

<http://www.postcrescent.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070609/APC0101/70609021>

(2) Mr. Wegner's article at:  
<http://www.cchs-petshelter.org/id76.html>

**If you would like more information on the Dog Federation of Wisconsin, please visit our web site:**

[www.dfow.org](http://www.dfow.org)

Think about how much you might spend in a year's time on your dog(s). Dog food, entry fees, food and lodging expenses, parking fees, gasoline, training fees, club fees, collars, leashes, treats, grooming products, veterinary care – including specialists for ophthalmology, acupuncture, chiropractics, then there are all of the genetic tests including OFA or Penn-Hip, thyroid, and a host of other tests specific to a given breed of dog, what did you spend last year on your dogs? Do you hire a professional handler for your conformation dogs? What about a professional field trainer? Do you pay fees to the DNR for a dog training permit? What about park fees for events held at State Parks?



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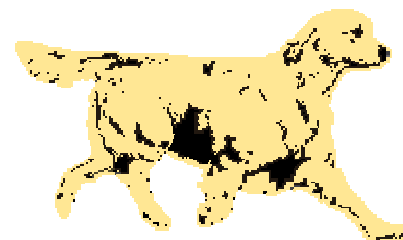
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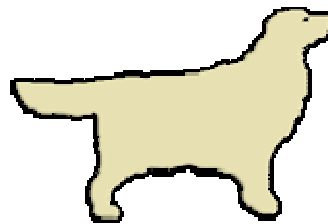
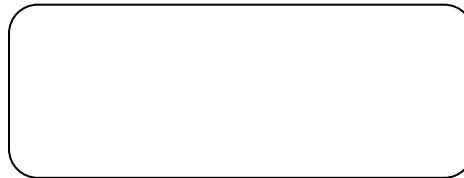
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### Upcoming Meetings

**BGRC General Membership Meeting**  
**Saturday, July 21, 2007**

**Fun Field Day**

Jim & Judy Powers  
N8110 Brookdale Rd  
Sheboygan WI 53083

**Wednesday, August 15, 6:30 pm.**

**BGRC Board Meeting**

Brookfield Public Library  
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1900 N. Calhoun Road  
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Oshkosh Kennel Club

**2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays**

Cudahy Kennel Club

**3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays**

K-9 Obedience Training Club

**4<sup>th</sup> Fridays**

Western Waukesha Dog Training Club

**5<sup>th</sup> Fridays**

K-9 Obedience Training Club

### Upcoming Events

**Fun Field Day**

**July 21**

Jim and Judy Powers  
Sheboygan, WI

**Hunt Test**

**August 12**

Bong Recreational Area  
Kansasville, WI

**WC/WCX Test**

**August 13**

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Kansasville, WI