

DECEMBER, 2010



ODKC BARK



We hope the BARK will provide members with information and announcements and to allow members to share their successes in the section **ODKC Member BRAGS**. We welcome feedback if you have areas you would like to see addressed. Please contact Jane Lodge (mbliki@aol.com) with any comment or concern. We look forward to members sending information to be published!

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~WANTED~

Email addresses for all club members! Please send to:
GEDARL@AOL.COM

Please forward this BARK Newsletter to anyone you think would be interested in joining an All Breed Kennel Club like ODKC!! We'd love to find new hard working members!

POSSIBLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THE TIME WHEN THEY TOO MAY MOVE INTO THE JR. SHOW RING!??



Doug and Michelle Madej's son Trent and his Rhodesian Ridgeback "Sugar" (CH Intribute's Sweet Confection, JC) are captivated by something interesting in the backyard.

Virginia Federation of Dog Clubs & Breeders, Inc.
Calendars for 2010 are now available at our meetings.
Member price: \$5.00 Nonmember price: \$10.00
Thanks to all in ODKC for sending in Breeder Guide applications.

****Also please be looking for Legislative Alerts in the coming months as Alice Harrington and Sharyn Hutchens once again represent VFDCB in Richmond!!!****

ODKC Board of Directors and Officers: President – Damara Bolte', 1st Vice-President – Colleen Gellatly, 2nd Vice President – Annie Andrews, Secretary – Emma Darling, Treasurer, Sandy Lady, VFDCB Alternate Delegate: Art Stern - Board of Directors – Carl Gernazio, Jane Lodge & Georgette Schaefer. Contact information for the club may be found on the website at <http://www.odkc.org>

ODKC CALENDAR



**HOPE TO SEE YOU
SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 12,
2010
THIS WEEKEND IS
THE DATE FOR
THE ODKC
GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP
MEETING &
HOLIDAY
CELEBRATION
The Waterford, 4-8:00PM**

Alternative Benching Format For 2011 Wkc

Due to the remodeling construction under way at Madison Square Garden, Westminster must institute an Alternative Benching Format for its 2011 event. All exhibitors will be assigned to a specific area that will be reserved for dogs according to their Variety Groups. There will also be Multi-Breed space available for those persons meeting the requirements to be in that space.

Just as this will be change for exhibitors, it will also be a radical change for spectators. All dogs will be in their crates and must be able to be viewed by the public. A bench card displaying the dog's bench/armband number will be supplied by the Superintendent and must be attached to the dog's crate.

dog's crate in the benching area. There will be no separate grooming and benching areas. Dogs are required to be in their areas until the published release time except for exercising or judging.

To afford the best utilization in the remaining balance of the space in the benching/grooming area, all regular vendors are being relocated to the third floor.

Please refer to the **Premium List** for the complete set of rules, including the Alternative Benching Format. Questions about benching should be addressed in an email to the superintendent at mbf2@infodog.com.

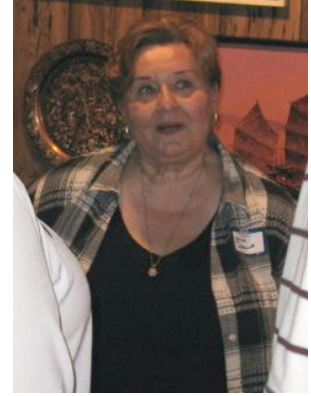
taken from http://www.westminsterkennelclub.org/2011/show/news/entry_092710.html

*****Note: There will be no meeting Dec.28 2010****
The Dec meeting will be the Holiday Celebration,
Dec. 12th.***

Listing of New Applicants for ODKC Membership

NAME	SPONSOR	CITY/STATE
Carol Chapin	Yes	Fairfax, VA
Jane Mullin	Yes	Sterling, VA

ODKC Summer Picnic at the Darling's Home
Thank you Darlings!!!
Photo by Basil Eastwood – Thank You, Basil!





On Thursday, as a bountiful nature delivered five inches of rain on our parched Virginia countryside, I must say I was less than sanguine about our upcoming shows. (As you all know, the saying “if its raining, it must be Old Dominion”, continues on in the lexicon of the dog show world.) This time even the rep wanted to cancel Friday’s show!

But to my wonderment, the sun came out on Friday morning, the grounds dried up, and we had a splendid weekend. Putting on an outdoor show is a tremendous amount of work, and, as always, our membership rose to the occasion. During the week, the actual positioning of the superstructure was carried out by Damara, Jane, Joe, Neal, Karen, Carl, Georgette, Basil, Terry and the wonderful B. J. Lewis and his helpers from Longbranch. Everyone knows exactly what to do and does it so efficiently. By the time Sunday arrived, so did Emma and her hospitality crew – these ladies work like demons all day long and the results are obvious. Nobody does hospitality as well as ODKC and that’s the first thing everyone mentions about the show. The judges get a double shot – Sarah and Bill host our judges’ reception Saturday evening and it’s spectacular: wonderful food and drink along with an inspired presentation. Even our MB-F staffers want to know if we’re having a judges’ reception – they want to come, too. It’s supposed to end at 8:00 PM, but I left at 9:30, leaving several guests still there. Several of our judges mentioned that it was like old times, when hospitality was a key to a successful show. The next day, Sarah and Bill held a similar party, “Afternoon Delight”, during group judging and it was very much appreciated by our judges, exhibitors, handlers and spectators.

It’s always great to see Jay and Allison selling catalogues and dispensing information, ably representing ODKC all day long, to everyone who comes up to the club tent. Our long time announcer, Nancy, went to her national this year, and Michelle very capably took over. Kudos also to Karen, who, with very short notice, took on Rally and Obedience and did a stellar job.

Many thanks go to our prospective member, Jane Mullin, who picked up two of our judges (who were uncomfortable renting a car at the airport) and drove them to our hotel in Winchester. They enjoyed themselves so much that Jane was pressed again into service to take them back to Dulles on Sunday, which she cheerfully did. When her membership application comes up, I plan to vote for her several times.

“Meet the Dogs”, ably chaired by Susan, continues to be a very well received activity, not just by the spectators, but our exhibitors as well. Terry, very capably, did all of our media advertising – so successfully, that this year’s gate more than doubled. Evidently, a small error occurred in one of the papers – instead of saying, as advertised, that no unentered dogs should be on the grounds, it said no unneutered dogs. Not a deterrent, of course, because every spectator brought their pet dogs to see the “show” dogs, and bought lots of things from our vendors.

Gary John, from WKC, took care of the food vendors, and I thought we had a really nice mix of food, and they did a brisk business all weekend, as well.

Our show this year was dedicated to the memory of Bob Nazak, and it was lovely to see Martha with her daughter Leslie and granddaughter Madeline in tow. Bob and Martha have always been great assets to ODKC, and he is sorely missed.

Our people were totally involved all day long, taking care of everything that came up and helping out wherever they could. And so we finished up a very satisfactory day, working together and enjoying each other. At the end of the day, John Lyon, a senior AKC person who was on the grounds all day long, came up to the club tent, introduced himself to us and told us he thought we put on an excellent show, that he saw our people totally engaged all day in all the facets of a dog show, and congratulated us for a job very well done. It was a pleasure for him, he said, to see how well organized and efficient our club was!

Well, of course, that is true, but usually the AKC never mentions it. So, to all of the great members of ODKC, I say a heartfelt thank you --- and look forward to next year.



And, they came...



We needed help, and as always our members stepped up and came to the rescue. It is so gratifying to be associated with such a wonderful group of people who can always be counted on.

Hospitality needs people early, early and late, late and in between times too! This year (as so many years in the past) Mary McGreevy was there first to get things rolling. Kim Byrd and her friend, Joanne (a non-ODKC member, currently) arrived quickly thereafter. And, minutes later Darla Frey arrived. Karen Douglas also helped even though she was getting ready to supervise the Obedience/Rally rings. One by one members and non-members, like Jane Mullins, came and joined the Hospitality team and got the job was done.

Mary, Darla, Kim and Jane kept everything working smoothly as Lisa Knock, Barbara Vitarelli, Rosemary George, and future ODKC members joined to help Sarah Gaunt with Afternoon Delight. Getting all the goodies onto the tables can be quite a daunting task as the crowd is swarming to be first for the shrimp, chocolate cake, etc.

While Afternoon Delight was enjoyed by spectators, exhibitors, judges, members, etc., Hospitality started to close everything down and pack up. We need to be in full force at this time so we are finished as soon as Best in Show is awarded. This way we don't stand in the way of getting the tents down, PA system dismantled, etc., etc. We know we've done a good job when we come home with everything we brought and by all the compliments ODKC receives for the Hospitality shown to one and all. All the members and non-members mentioned above made this year's show a true success. And, the compliments keep on coming...

Thank you!!!

Emma

HUNT COUNTRY CLUSTER SHOW PHOTOS



HCC Show 2010 photos



Best In Show



Sporting Group



Hound Group



Working Group



Terrier Group



Toy Group



Non Sporting Group



Herding Group



**High Scoring Dog
In Trial**



Best Jr. Showmanship



Our History in Dogs – by Michelle Madej

Needless to say, the Army has had a great influence for the Madej family. Doug is a career military man and I'm an Army brat who grew-up moving around the country and overseas. I've called home to Forts Meade, Hood, Huachuca, and overseas in Augsburg, Germany, back to the U.S. at Forts Sill, Meade (again), and Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. I spent my youth in the equestrian world showing hunter/jumpers as well as hunt-seat equitation, Pony Club and dressage. This gave me a taste of the world of competition that flowed very easily into the dog show arena.

Doug and I first met at a dog show in N.C. back in 2000 and became friends who had a lot in common. We both worked for the Army (Doug as an active duty Soldier and I as an Army civilian) and we loved Rhodesian Ridgebacks so getting along came naturally. Over the years, we'd see each other at shows and always enjoyed catching-up and discussing dogs and our jobs. Then at the 2007 Rhodesian Ridgeback Specialty dog show, we met up again, and to my great surprise, Doug was in the midst of a divorce. Long story short, this was the beginning of our journey together and since then we've been married and blessed with the addition of our son Trent.

What's interesting is that we both started in Ridgebacks around the same time – Doug in 1998 and me in 1999. What attracted us about the breed was they are large dogs – but not too large, athletic, short haired, a great family dog yet protective, elegant, and possess a regal quality that makes people take notice.

Doug's Ridgeback mentors include Naleena Klass, Dudley Hackney and Frank DePaulo. For me, Ann Meyer, Dennis and Judy Melear and also Neleena Klass were wonderful mentors who passed on invaluable advice and knowledge. We are members of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of America as well as ODKC. What we enjoy most about being apart of a great all-breed club like the ODKC is that everyone is so supportive no matter the breed or experience. Our biggest pet-peeve with the sport of dog shows are the folks who are vindictive – these "clicks" of people who whisper behind others backs is annoying and frankly bad for the sport. We just try to be neutral to avoid the politics and stay out of the drama. But, honestly, there are so many wonderful people who enjoy the sport of dogs and who like to pass along their expertise and knowledge – these are the people we gravitate to.

I have to also give a huge thanks to Lisa Knock, a fellow ODKC member, who took a rookie dog handler and made me confident in the ring. What a terrific teacher!

Our goal in the breed of Rhodesian Ridgebacks is to breed a dog that mirrors the standard as closely as possible and makes an ideal companion. Temperament, form and function are what we aim to accomplish. We are not big-time breeders by any means—between us both we've only bred two litters. But we are proud of our endeavors so far and especially of the girl we've kept named Sugar, CH Intribute's Sweet Confection, JC. Now that she's finished in the conformation ring, we have high hopes for her in lure coursing. She's a natural and loves chasing the bunny! We're looking forward to breeding her next year once we find the perfect mate.

And why the name "Intribute?" I was devastated when two of the pups from the litter I bred passed away. When it was time to come up with a kennel name, I decided to pay honor to the memory of the two that had died – so the name "Intribute" seemed to fit.

For us, we'll continue to be apart of the sport of dogs as long as we're having fun. There are so many great people in this sport and we treasure the relationships we've developed over the years.

DON'T(S)

- Don't assume that you will survive your pet
- Don't assume that someone desires to, is able to, or should pay for your pet's costs and expenses
- Don't assume that your designated caretaker will be alive or able to care for your pet

DO(S)

- Plan and prepare, in the least you can do for both the pet that loves you unconditionally and the person willing to alter his or her life to provide care
- Have your designated caretaker petsit for a short period of time (test-run)
- Consider using your pet for a charitable purpose (i.e., a companion for the elderly), or leaving the remainder to a charity
- Place removable in-case-of-emergency stickers on your home's entry ways to notify emergency personal that animals are present
- Carry wallet sized alert cards on your person to notify emergency personal that you have pets at home



IF YOU FAIL TO PLAN, THEN YOU MAY BE LEAVING TOO MUCH TO CHANCE

You can ensure that there is a caretaker who will be there to care for your pet, and that the appropriate resources and instructions are in effect

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PET TRUSTS

Planning For Those Family Members Who Are Frequently Forgotten



DON'T LET YOUR PET BECOME A STATISTIC

The U.S. euthanizes 4 million pets each year (11,000 per day), and older animals have a reduced chance for adoption

DON'T MAKE YOUR PET A BURDEN

Pet ownership is expensive and you may unfairly burden the caretaker by failing to make funds available during your incapacitation or death

PROVIDE INSTRUCTION

Instruct your caretaker regarding medications, routines, needs, likes and dislikes, and burial or cremation instructions

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WHY IS A WILL NOT ENOUGH?

Delay: The probate process can be cumbersome and slow, frequently taking many months and burdening the caretaker with expensive upfront costs

Ineffective: If most of your assets don't require probate, or your will is contested, lost, stolen, destroyed, or unintentionally revoked, then your will's provisions may never come into effect

Unenforceable: You need a pet trust to bequest money for the care of your pet, otherwise the obligation is honorary, non-binding, and unenforceable

No Guardianship: You cannot nominate a Guardian for your pet

WHY A PET TRUST?

Enforceable: Pet trusts are enforceable, binding, and within the jurisdiction of the court

Effective During Disability: Living pet trusts can provide for your pet's care during your disability

No Probate Delay: Living pet trusts can provide for your pet's care immediately upon your death

CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING

Caretakers: Nominate multiple caretakers in case the caretaker doesn't survive you, is unable to serve, or fails to outlive your pet

Flexible: Provide different provisions for short and lengthy emergency temporary care situations

Taxes and Fees: Avoid probate fees, probate taxes, and associated attorney's fees

Care Instructions: Provide instructions for medications, routines, needs, likes and dislikes, and burial or cremation

Protection: The remainder beneficiary can monitor the trust administration and asset protection provisions can protect the assets

Remainder Beneficiary: Nominate a remainder beneficiary to receive the excess and remainder trust

DID YOU KNOW?

Your pet is tangible personal property, and, absent specific language, passes with your other tangible personal property (i.e., your pet is treated like a lamp)

Your **POWER OF ATTORNEY** should address your pet's care, regardless if you have a pet trust or not

IS YOUR CURRENT PLAN REALISTIC?

If your pet gets cancer, diabetes, hip dysplasia, or another ailment, what examinations and treatment would you expect to be provided? Is it fair to expect your caretaker to pay all costs?

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THE REAL COSTS OF CARE

Pet food, grooming, routine care, vaccines, basic medications, boarding and kennel fees, sitters, teeth cleaning, and tags can cost thousands each year. Veterinary care is outrageously expensive. Leaving too much money, or not enough, can have disastrous consequences.

The 2011 Old Dominion Kennel Club**All-Breed Conformation Match and****CGC Evaluation**

Carl Gernazio, Match Chair reports the Match will be Feb. 27, 2011. Contact Carl at 703-451-2829 or cgernazio@cox.net to offer help. Match Flyers are available. Sandy Selander will coordinate offerings of food. You may reach Sandy at Phone: 703-450-1897 or

E-Mail: onlinegoldens@cox.net

Please call/email Carl if you can bring food, grooming tables, scoops. THANKS!!! Your help is needed in all areas ie.: taking entries, stewarding, preparing food, helping set up & tearing down. See you there!!!

Make your plans now to be at this Warm Event.

Breed/Group Judges:

Sporting: Norbert Dee Herding: Al Ferruggiario

Working: Wayne & Jean Boyd Misc. Breeds: Al Ferruggiario
Hounds: JoAnne Buehler Jr. Showmanship: Al Ferruggiario

Terriers: Andrew Kramer Best Puppy: Nena Dee

Non-Sporting: Eileen MacLennan Best Adult: Nena Dee

Toy: Eileen MacLennan

Pre-entries can be sent to:

Carl Gernazio, Match Chair

7835 Anson Ct., Springfield, VA 22152

- make check payable to: **Old Dominion Kennel Club of Northern Virginia**
- **The Canine Good Citizen Testing (CGC)** will not start before 11:00 a.m. Entries will be taken from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Pre-entries will also be accepted until February 22, 2011. **Current Rabies Certificate** must be shown prior to certification. A **grooming brush** is required.
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- **Site Information**
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- Ample parking is available. Do Not Park In the Fire Lanes Next to the Building. All Frying Pan Park regulations must be observed. A grooming area will be provided indoors. Bring your own chairs.
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- **There will be a Food & Drink Concession Stand. Refreshments and Food will be available.**
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- All judging will be indoors on a packed sand surface. The building is not heated. Please wear warm clothing.
- **NO SMOKING IN THE BUILDING.**
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- *ODKC reserves the right to change/add judges as deemed necessary.
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- For the latest detailed information
- contact Carl Gernazio, Match Chair
- (703) 451-2829 or cgernazio@cox.net
 - **ODKC Web site:**
 - **www.odkc**

**BRAGS!**

CH Darling's Seven No Trump (Omar) finished his AKC Championship in October. He is now home and driving everyone crazy (particularly his mom) with energy and exuberance -- everything is an adventure! The house seemed so very quiet while he was gone -- we are glad to have him home and laugh at his hi-jinx. He is only one and one-half years old, so we will let him grow up and see if he wants to continue in conformation or perhaps in pursuit another avenue.



Recently our Lola (GCH Darling's Simply Irresistible) achieved her AKC Grand Championship title. This wonderful 'dale became one of the first ten Airedales (actually #7) to achieve this title. And, many of you may remember, that Lola initially "didn't want" to be a show dog. Fortunately, her handlers were able to make it fun for her and she decided that "Lola wants to be a Grand Champion."

BRAGS



Karen Douglas reports:

This is only a small BARK brag but this is of interest.

Jamie, my 10 1/2 yr old (Ch Amigo's Adonis CGC CD RAE AWD TT TDI) competed in the veteran's class at our supported entry in Salisbury, MD and got first place in his class going over his father.

Having passed his Therapy Dog International (TDI) certification he is now a reading therapy dog at the Kingstowne Library in Fairfax, VA. Dogs are considered non-judgmental listeners for young children learning to read. Additionally as a "large" black dog he provides opportunities for children to work through scary dog issues. Probably the cutest thing is to watch the children who go out of their way to read upside down to Jamie so he can see the words and the pictures right side up! *I have attached a picture of him with one of his readers.*

It was one of my goals that in his later years he have something to do that would keep him mentally and physically active when heavy athletic work was no longer possible. Together we sit greeting children and parents and sometimes show off a trick or two!

Hey everybody – I just found out that my new collie Wyndeswept Willow (“Bridget”) won Best Adult [female – can’t use the B-word or our Net Nanny will send the e-mail to the spam queue] at the Gathering at Sunnybank in August. The Gathering is a Very Big Deal in Collieland; every year the Collie Health Foundation sponsors a Virtues Match for puppies and a Lad Memorial Match at Sunnybank, where Albert Payson Terhune lived and wrote his famous books about collies. Many of the top collie breeders bring their best puppies to the match. The virtues are always awarded to baby puppies, but the judges pulled Bridget out too even though she was 7 months old and inquired about her breeding and went on and on about her various virtues. I was pleased enough about that, but had no idea that they gave her Best Adult B. at the end of the day. That is because I was long gone by then; it had been pouring all day and the tarp blew off my crates and the dogs and I were completely soaked so I just loaded up and left without saying goodbye to anyone. I had no idea we’d won until I got my latest edition of the Collie Expressions Magazine on Saturday!

This is not an AKC-sanctioned match so it means nothing in terms of points, but it means a lot in terms of prestige in Collie-dom. There was a panel of 3 famous breeder-judges at the match: Val Geddes (Ingledene Collies, UK; judge at Crufts 2008); Barb Linder (Donnybrooke Collies; judge at the Collie Club of America National Specialty 2010), and Krista Hansen (Camloch Collies). There were close to 100 entries. I’m really pleased. RG



pictured: AS A BABY before her “coming out”!



BRAGS!

**Mick pictured finishing.
This is not his Group 3
picture. It will follow in a
future BARK.**

****FLASH**
MICK IS BOB
AND
GROUP 3!!!**

Beaufort Kennel Club, Inc. - Friday 12/03/10

JUDGE: Mrs. Stephanie S. Hedgepath

COLLIES (ROUGH). Best of Variety Competition.

B/G3 9 CH LYNLOCH STEELE MCDOWALL.

DN 18058904. 05-14-07 61 dogs defeated

By Kingsmark The Rest O' The Story - Lynloch Adelita Rose. Dog.

Owner: Rosemary George.

Breeder: Robert Hawkins Jr.

(Nick Joines, Agent).

BRAGS!



Brag from Mountain View

Pictured:

Ch. Reveille Push the Limit to MV "Ramses" earned his JC title at the BCOA National in Greeley CO in September

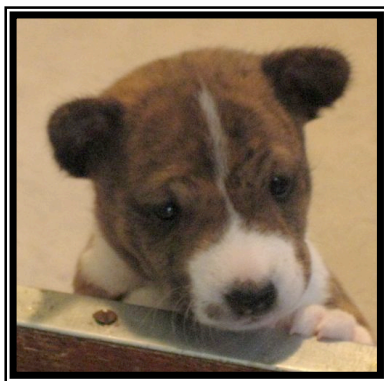
Pictured

MBIS & BISS Brazilian & American Ch. MT. View's Ripsnorter Silver Charm "Oakley", German Wirehaired Pointer is the Top Sporting Dog and the #7 Dog among All Breeds in Brazil. He will return to the US on November to resume his career in the US.

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Not pictured:

GCH.Ch.MBIS & MBISS Ripsnorter's Mt View Lookout "Scout" #6 All Breed Broke the Best in Show Record held by his grand sire. Scout now has 49 BIS and is the Top Winning German Wirehaired Pointer in the history of the Breed.



**Reveille One For The Money
Aka KaChing
"Kachi"
Born 11/13/10**



**GCH Reveille Push Button
Group 4 Middleburg KC**