

HAPPY SPRING!



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Upcoming Events

May 17th, 2014 – Club Meeting

Location: Animal Inn, Lake Elmo

BOD Meeting: 5:00pm

General Meeting: 6:30pm

Topic: Fun with Kids & Dogs. Bring your kids to find out what type of opportunities are out there where kids can bond with their canine friend.

May 18th, 2014 – Field Seminar

Location: Kelly Farms (Marine on St. Croix)

Register on club website

May 20th, 2014 – St. Croix Valley KC Annual Grass Classic

Location: Washington County Fairgrounds

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May 31st-June 1st, 2014 – Ward Falkner Obedience Seminar

Location: Animal Inn (8633 34th St N, Lake Elmo, MN 55042)

June 14th, 2014 – Club Meeting

Location: All Breed Dog Training Center, Woodbury

BOD Meeting: 5:00pm

General Meeting: 6:30pm

Topic: Canine First Aid

June 29th, 2014 – Field Seminar

Location: Kelly Farms or Lester Prairie

Register on club website

President's Letter

Hello All,

It's spring – finally! I guess I can make that proclamation because I just saw a FB post that the wood ticks are out in northern Minnesota. And I use *finally* because the snow that fell this week melted – well at least if you were not in northern Minnesota – rather than sticking around to welcome May.

Spring for most of us means a trip the veterinarian, where more often than not the vet announces “your dog is over-weight”.

Spring also means no more excuses – get out, get your dog out and ENJOY the long overdue “nice weather”. Take the dog for a walk, get a “Chuck-It” and flick a tennis ball in an empty field, watch your dog perk-up at the sight of ducks when you two stroll around a city lake, get a long line and take your dog swimming. Sign you and your dog up for a charity “walk”.

There are so many fun and healthy activities available to you and your dog that you will soon forget it began with a trip to the vet.

GTCGRC will be hosting many events this year with the primary intent being to engage our members and their dogs – just for the fun of it. The first of which is our upcoming May 17th meeting. “Fun with Dogs & Kids” is the planned activity after our general meeting. Intended for the whole family; humans – with or without kids, puppies, dogs and seniors – fun for all.

Plan to attend, bring your non-member friends and their Goldens – no experience necessary to have fun.

Oh – and don't forget about that annual trip to the vet – I hear the ticks are going to be vicious this year despite the long cold winter.

Looking forward to seeing you soon and remember your thoughts are welcome.

Sheila – Summerstone@comcast.net

Greater Minnesota Hunt Test Association 2014 Hunt Test Dates

May 16, 17 & 18 – Four Points Retriever Club – Hastings, MN

Premium: fourpointsrc.org

ST, INT, HTR, ST (all 4 offered all 3 days)

May 17 & 18 – Rice Creek Hunting Dog Club – Clearwater, MN

Premium: www.entryexpress.net

1 Master, 1 Senior, 2 Junior

May 30, 31 & June 1 – Northern Flight Hunting Retriever Association* – Marine on St. Croix, MN

Premium: www.entryexpress.net

1 O/H Qualifying, 1 Master, 1 Senior, 2 Junior

June 13, 14 & 15 – Central Minnesota Retriever Club* – Sauk Rapids, MN

Premium: www.entryexpress.net

2 Master, 2 Senior, 2 Junior

June 21 & 22 – Marsh and Meadows HRC – Pequot Lakes, MN

Premium: www.entryexpress.net

1 Finished, 1 Seasoned, 1 Stared (both days)

June 20, 21 & 22 – Lake Country Retriever Club* – Glenoce & Prior Lake, MN

Premium: www.entryexpress.net

1 O/H Qualifying, 1 Master, Senior, 2 Junior

June 27, 28 & 29 – Minnesota Iron Range Retriever Club* – Virginia, MN

Premium: www.entryexpress.net

2 Master (limited), 2 Senior, 2 Junior

July 12 & 13 – North Dakota Retriever Club* – Glyndon, MN

Premium: www.entryexpress.net

1 Master (limited), 2 Senior, 2 Junior

July 11, 12 & 13 – Blackhawk Retriever Club* – Gilmanton, WI

Premium: www.entryexpress.net

1 O/H Qualifying, 1 Master, 2 Senior, 2 Junior

July 18, 19 & 20 – Chippeaw Valley Retriever Club* – Woodville, WI

Premium: www.entryexpress.net

1 O/H Qualifying, 1 Master (limited), 1 Senior, 1 Junior

July 19 & 20 – Mississippi Headwaters Retreiver* – Bemidji, MN

Premium: www.entryexpress.net

1 Master (limited), 1 Senior, 2 Junior

July 18, 19 & 20 – NAHRA (Four Points Retriever Club) – TBD

Premium: fourpointsrc.org

SR, INT, HTR, ST (all 4 offered both days)

July 26 & 27 – Southern Minnesota Hunting Retriever Association* – Blooming Prairie, MN

Premium: www.entryexpress.net

2 Senior, 2 Junior

August 1 & 2 – Duluth Retriever Club* – Duluth, MN

Premium: www.entryexpress.net

1 Master, 2 Senior, 2 Junior

August 1, 2 & 3 – Watopa Retriever Club* – Weaver, MN

Premium: www.entryexpress.net

Qualifying, 1 Master (limited), 1 Senior, 1 Junior

August 8, 9 & 10 – Hennepin County Amateur RC – Princeton, MN

Premium: www.entryexpress.net

1 Qualifying, 2 Master, 1 Senior, 2 Junior

August 23 & 24 – Northern Flight Hunting Retriever Association* – Marine on St. Croix, MN

Premium: www.entryexpress.net

1 Master, 1 Senior, 2 Junior

September 6 & 7 – Land of Lakes HRC – Marine on St. Croix, MN

Premium: www.llhrc.org

1 Finished, 1 Seasoned, 1 Started (both days)

September 6 & 7 – Blackhawk Retriever Club* – Gilmanton, WI

Premium: www.entryexpress.net

2 Senior, 2 Junior

September 6 & 7 – North Dakota Retriever Club* – Glyndon, MN

Premium: www.entryexpress.net

1 Master (limited), 1 Senior, 1 Junior

*Member of the Master National Retriever Club

2014 Field Seminars With Professional Trainer – Greg Larson

This year, the seminar locations will be split between Kelly Farms, Marine on St. Croix, MN and Greg's new location in Lester Prairie, MN, where he now has 80+ acres plus water in which to train.

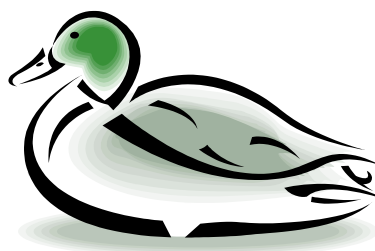
Dates for this year's seminars are:

- May 18th (at Kelly Farms)
- June 29th (either Kelly Farms or Lester Prairie, depending on weather)
- July 20th (at Lester Prairie)
- August 31st (at Lester Prairie)

In order for Greg to work with each dog/handler team individually, working dog/handler teams will be limited, so get these dates on your calendars and watch the GTCGRC's website at www.gtcgrc.org for information on each seminar's content, costs, entry forms and other specifics. Auditors will not be limited. Also, these seminars will not be limited to just our Golden Retrievers. If you have friends who have retrievers of other breeds who would like to participate in these seminars as either working teams or auditors, please feel free to pass on the information to them.

If you have any questions about the seminars, please contact Kathy Carroll at kcarroll4irish@q.com.

See you there!



The Health Benefits of Coconut Oil

By DogsNaturally Magazine

Although supplements can be a confusing topic for many pet owners, most dog owners have heard of the benefits of feeding fish oils. There are however, a variety of oils that you can also use to your dog's benefit, each with different actions and benefits.

Coconut oil consists of more than 90% saturated fats, with traces of few unsaturated fatty acids, such as monounsaturated fatty acids and polyunsaturated fatty acids. Most of the saturated fats in coconut oil are Medium Chain Triglycerides (MCTs). The main component (more than 40%) of MCTs is lauric acid, followed by capric acid, caprylic acid, myristic acid and palmitic. Coconut oil also contains about 2% linoleic acid (polyunsaturated fatty acids) and about 6% oleic acid (monounsaturated fatty acids).

Most of the coconut oil benefits come from the MCTs. For example, the lauric acid in coconut oil has antibacterial, antiviral, and anti-fungal properties. Capric and caprylic acid have similar properties and are best known for their anti-fungal effects.

In addition, MCTs are efficiently metabolized to provide an immediate source of fuel and energy, enhancing athletic performance and aiding weight loss. In dogs, the MCTs in coconut oil balance the thyroid, helping overweight dogs lose weight and helping sedentary dogs feel energetic.

According to Dr. Bruce Fife, certified nutritionist and naturopathic doctor, coconut oil gently elevates the metabolism, provides a higher level of energy and vitality, protects you from illness, and speeds healing. As a bonus, coconut oil improves any dog's skin and coat, improves digestion, and reduces allergic reactions.

Fed regularly to pets, coconut oil may have multiple benefits:

Skin Conditions

- Clears up skin conditions such as eczema, flea allergies, contact dermatitis, and itchy skin
- Reduces allergic reactions and improves skin health
- Makes coats become sleek and glossy, and deodorizes doggy odor
- Prevents and treats yeast and fungal infections, including candida
- Disinfects cuts and promotes wound healing
- Applied topically, promotes the healing of cuts, wounds, hot spots, dry skin and hair, bites and stings

Digestion

- Improves digestion and nutrient absorption
- Aids healing of digestive disorders like inflammatory bowel syndrome and colitis
- Reduces or eliminates bad breath in dogs
- Aids in elimination of hairballs and coughing

Immune System, Metabolic Function, Bone Health

- Contains powerful antibacterial, antiviral, and anti-fungal agents that prevent infection and disease
- Regulates and balance insulin and promotes normal thyroid function
- Helps prevent or control diabetes
- Helps reduce weight, increases energy
- Aids in arthritis or ligament problems

Integrative Veterinarian and Naturopathic Doctor, Dr. Karen Becker, says “Medium-chain triglycerides (MCTs) have been shown to improve brain energy metabolism and decrease the amyloid protein buildup that results in brain lesions in older dogs. Coconut oil is a rich source of MCTs. I recommend 1/4 teaspoon for every 10 pounds of body weight twice daily for basic MCT support.”

Why not give coconut oil a try and introduce it to your dog? It offers many benefits for your dog and is a more sustainable and less toxic source of oils than fish.

St. Croix Valley Kennel Club Presents

The Annual Grass Classic

&

Animal Inn Junior Showmanship Bake Sale

Sactioned B/OB & Rally Matches

- When:** Tuesday, May 20th, 2014
On-Site Registration 5:30-6:30pm
Judging Starts 6:45pm
Preregistration Accepted until May 15th
(entry below & at www.scvkc.org)
- Where:** St. Croix Valley Kennel Club Show Site
Washington County Fairgrounds
12300 North 40th Street, Lake Elmo, MN
- Cost:** \$5.00 per dog
Junior Showmanship is Free

Match Classes:

Conformation Classes: 3-6, 6-9, 9-12, 12-18, Novice, Bred-By Exhibitor, American Bred, Open, Exhibition Only (for Champions) & Junior Showmanship. FSS & Miscellaneous Classes will also be offered. (Exhibition only class is not eligible to compete for Best of Breed. All remaining classes will compete against each other for Best of Breed.)

Obedience & Rally Classes: Beginner Novice, Novice, Graduate Novice, Open, Graduate Open, Utility, Rally Novice, Rally Advanced & Rally Excellent. (Obedience and Rally classes will be open to all dogs including mixed breeds.)

Start the outdoor season off on the right paw by attending this event. It will be held rain or shine. Food & Beverages will be available to purchase during the event.

Match Chair: Jill Hoffbeck (612-508-5965) email: jill@shootingstardogs.com

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Entry Form

Breed _____ Variety _____ Sex _____
Dog Show Class _____
Class Division _____
Junior Showmanship Class _____
Obedience Class (jump hgt) _____
Rally Class (jump hgt) _____

Full Name of Dog: _____

AKC No. _____ Date of Birth _____

Owner Name: _____

Email: _____

Pre-Entries mail to: Carol Slattery, 4490 Neil Avenue So, Afton, MN 55001-9501
(tclats@aol.com)

Entries received after May 15th will no be considered Pre-Entries



2014-2015 Club Membership

This is a final **final** reminder for renewing your club membership.

The deadline was May 1st and there are still many who did not renew their membership. Please send your renewal application and check to Deb Rahm ASAP or you must go through the application process all over again by attending three meetings, etc.

The password for the “Members Only” tab on the club’s website will also change after the 2014 membership is finalized.

All of the information about renewing can be found on the club’s website.

Wins & Brags

Davy (PACH2 Westmarch King of the Wild Frontier) completed three AKC agility titles: PAX3, MJPG, and MXP2 at the FMKC & GDOC titles! Davy's teammate is Carol Everetts, Harrisburg, SD. ~**Carol Everetts**

Kirby (U-CD Coppertop Sky's The Limit UD CDX-C GO GN BN RE CGC TDI CCA OBHF) was AKC's top Open A dog for 2013. He was featured on the cover of the March edition of Front and Finish magazine. ~**Karen Thompson**



Jackson (Harborplace Diamond In The Ruff CD OA OAJ MXP2 MJP2 NF XFP RAE CGC CCA) earned his Master Agility Preferred 2 (MXP2) title in April. ~**Alyssa Taylor**

Jacob (Sunlor's Neon Moon CDX GN RA JH WC CanCD CanRN ASCA-CD U-CD UR01 CD-C THD CGC TDIA CCA) earned his CD-C title. ~**Kathy Carroll**

Willow (Int'l CH Elmcreek's Strawberry Fields Forever CD BN RN NAP NJP UR01 U-CD ASCA-CD CCA CGC TDI) earned her U-CD, ASCA-CD, NAP, and NJP titles. ~**Kathy Carroll**

Siri (Passion's All Star's He's A High Flyer CCA RN JH WC CGC TDI) titles in Beginner Novice at St. Paul, placing fourth. Toether our goal this year is Senior Hunter, WCX, HRCH, and CD. We are working toward breed points. Siri is four years old. When he is not in the field or obedience he is working in the local hospital with patients and hospice care. Otherwise just hanging out enjoying life. ~**Bonnie Wright**

