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BVKC Meetings:

Next General Meeting: May 2, 2016 @ 7pm

Board Meeting:

*May 23, 2016 @ 7pm

Dinner/Social time:

6:30pm

Meetings begin at 7pm

Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club May 2016

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BVKC ~ Happy May Day & Happy Mother's Day!

Happy May Day!

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or a Flower Wreath for your Favorite Pal!

Send me your pictures for an upcoming issue;)



Happy Mother's Day to all you Moms out there! you know who you are ;)

BVKC News ~ Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs, INC



We all need to know more about who the Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs is, and what we do! So, here you go! Want to know more, or would you like to become and individual member, just go to our website!!

http://
www.akc.org/
news/sections/
legislative_alerts.cfm

WHO WE ARE: We are the Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs, Inc (CFDC), a Colorado non-profit corporation; representing the American Kennel Club (AKC) & United Kennel Club (UKC) affiliated all-breed, breed, and performance dog clubs and their dog club members, in Colorado, on dog legislative issues & dog educational items.

WHAT WE DO: The CFDC is organized to encourage and promote the welfare of dogs, and to protect the interests, rights and well being of responsible dog owners & breeders in Colorado.

WE PROVIDE: The CFDC provides education and resources to dog breeders, elected officials and the general public, which support and encourage responsible dog ownership in our communities and state.

WE ASSIST: The CFDC assists and actively participates in local and state legislation concerning animals, and by doing so, we help safeguard the rights of dog owners and the overall welfare of their dogs.

WE ARE KEY: The CFDC is the key dog communication link between Colorado member dog clubs and the Colorado state legislature, with a lobbyist who represents us on important Colorado dog legislative activities. In our key role, we also work with local communities to facilitate better communication and cooperation on dog issues of mutual concern for dog owners.

WE ACT: We act, proactively as an organization, as we mobilize to address legislation which may affect our Colorado dogs, and our ability to enjoy our dogs.

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OUR GROUP: Our group represents the best, most experienced and largest group of dog owners and dog breeders in the state of Colorado; and our members host more than 400 dog events each year and have contributed over twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) to Colorado's state economy.

WE CAN HELP: We can help, as a valuable asset to communities and to state agencies, (due in part to our vast experience & the cumulative number of dog owners we represent). We can help achieve "Common Sense Canine Laws" for the state of Colorado.

Member:



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Dogs are definitely man's best friend . .. and we think most people usually agree that Dogs bring a tremendous amount of joy and happiness into the lives of children, adults and even seniors! Browse a bit and learn a little about us . . . The Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs, Inc.

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Southern Colorado Kennel Club
Terry-All Kennel Club

GROUP & EVENT DOG CLUBS

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Peak to Peak Working Dog Association
Rocky Mtn. All Terrier Club
Rocky Mtn. Hound Association
Longs Peak Dog Training Club
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Rocky Mountain Earthdog Club
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Australian Terrier Club of Colorado Bulldog Club of Colorado Springs Bulldog Club of Denver Centenniel Shetland Sheepdog Club of Denver Centenniel State Miniature Schnauzer Club Central Rockies Schipperke Club Collie Club of Colorado Colorado Pointer Club Colorado Australian Shepherd Association Columbine Skye Terrier Club Columbine State Poodle Club Denver Samoyed Association Doberman Pinscher Club of the Rocky Mtn Area Great Dane Club of Greater Denver Greater Denver Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Irish Setter Club of Colorado Lhasa Apso Club of Central Colorado Mile High Great Pyrenees Club Mile High Rottweiler Club of Greater Denver **Rocky Mountain Akita Club Rocky Mountain Bichon Frise Club Rocky Mountain Boston Terrier Club Rocky Mountain Bouvier des Flanders Club Rocky Mountain Chow Chow Club Rocky Mountain Irish Wolfhound Assoc Rocky Mountain Siberian Husky Club Rocky Mountain Toy Fox Terrier Club Scottish Terrier Club of Greater Denver Skyline Brittany Club Timberline Basset Hound Club**

SEE TWO SUPPORT DOGS BRING COMFORT, HAPPINESS TO CHILDREN IN A HOSPITAL

By: Erin Shea

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center recently introduced two purposebred Golden Retrievers as part of their Animal Assisted Therapy Program to provide physical and emotional support to patients.





The Golden Retrievers, Drummer and Leica, were specially bred and trained to work as therapy dogs in a hospital setting, according to a press release from Cincinnati Children's. The hospital received the dogs from Canine Assistants in Dalton, Georgia

The dogs were brought into the hospital earlier this month and have already had a positive impact on patients.

The Golden Retrievers, Drummer (left) and Leica (right). tos: Cincinnati Children's





"She was out of it, not happy, and in a lot of pain," said Leanne Biondo of her daughter Gia, who was inpatient at Cincinnati Children's for five months, according to the press release. "A few minutes later, Drummer came in and her eyes lit up when he jumped on the bed. Suddenly, that pain was forgotten about. Gia is

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OUTCROSSING DOES NOT EQUAL GENE POOL DIVERSITY

APRIL 5, 2016

In previous articles we've talked about the shrinking population of the purebred dog and specifically about how much smaller the Gordon Setter population is today – over 70% fewer Gordons than twenty years ago.

The current bottleneck in the number of Gordon Setters available for breeding calls for us, as responsible breeders, to evaluate each mating more carefully to determine if it will accomplish our own goals while also considering the impact our mating will have on the breed gene pool.



As breeders in today's world we are not only charged with improving the breed, we are also called upon to ensure that our breeding activity has a positive impact on the preservation of the breed gene pool. The good news my friends, is that all of this can be less painful to accomplish than you might have thought.

For topics like this I call on experts for advice, and I am grateful to **Jerold S. Bell DVM**, *Clinical Associate Professor of Genetics, Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicin*e for the guidance he's offering. Jerry's article "Small Population Breeds & Issues of Genetic Diversity" is the resource used for this article and is quoted here, and reprinted entirely elsewhere on the blog with his permission. (Click the title above to link to that article.)

Has the Gordon Setter population reached a level where we should consider it a "small population breed"? Perhaps not, yet...who's to say? The point here is that the population of the Gordon Setter has shrunk dramatically (*Honey, I Shrunk the Kids!*) and as it is now substantially smaller, breeders must be aware of how important our breeding choices become when viewed in terms of the health of our breed gene pool. Just as there are fewer Gordon Setters, so too are there far fewer breeders bearing the responsibility for their preservation. With fewer breeders we find that many of the older lines are harder if not impossible to find today.

Jerold S. Bell DVM – *Issues of genetic diversity are a concern to dog breeders, and this can be especially so for breeds with small populations. The concern is whether there is enough genetic variation within a breed's gene pool to maintain health and vitality. Breeders should be concerned about genetic diversity, because there are examples where damage has been done to a breed due to breeding practices. Restriction of genetic diversity can also occur in large population breeds.

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Putting a lesson in genetics aside for another time, let's talk today about genetic diversity in our breed gene pool. Quoting Jerold S. Bell DVM * There are two factors that must be considered when evaluating genetic diversity and health issues in a breed; the average level of inbreeding, and detrimental recessive genes. With a small population, there is a tendency to find higher average inbreeding coefficients due to the relatedness between dogs from common ancestors. There is, however, no specific level or percentage of inbreeding that causes impaired health or vigor. The problems that inbreeding depression cause in purebred populations stem from the effects of deleterious recessive genes. If the founding population of a breed produces a high frequency of a deleterious recessive gene, then the breed will have issues with that disorder. This can be seen as smaller litter size, increased neonatal death, high frequency genetic disease, or impaired immunity. If these issues are present then the breed needs to seriously consider limited genetic diversity.

In this statement then, as a group of dedicated breeders, we find a key to issues or symptoms, whose frequency of expression within the breed need monitoring. An increase or spike in these symptoms throughout the breed population, that goes beyond normal expectations, should be a cue that breeders need to seriously consider if we are experiencing limited genetic diversity in our breed gene pool. As a group we must be willing to share our breeding experiences with a wide audience of our peers. Additionally, we must understand that GSCA Health and Genetics committee surveys are also a vital indicator of the breed health, especially as it pertains to breed gene pool diversity. As we talk about gene pool diversity, we may find some breeders who discourage linebreeding and promote outcrossing (outbreeding) as the way to protect genetic diversity in the breed. While this does sound like an easy, and maybe even an obvious answer, outbreeding would not provide the complete solution.

Jerold S. Bell DVM – *It is not the type of matings utilized (linebreeding or outbreeding) that causes the loss of genes from a breed gene pool. **Rather, loss of genes occurs through selection: the use <u>and non-use</u> of off-spring. If a breed starts limiting their focus to breeding stock from a limited number of lines, then a loss of genetic diversity will occur.**

The process of maintaining healthy lines, with many breeders crossing between lines and breeding back as they see fit, maintains diversity in the gene pool. If some breeders outbreed, and some linebreed to certain dogs that they favor while others linebreed to other dogs that they favor, then breedwide genetic diversity is maintained. It is the varied opinion of breeders as to what constitutes the ideal dog, and their selection of breeding stock based on their opinions, that maintains breed diversity.

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The most important factor for diminished genetic diversity in dog breeds is the popular sire syndrome. The overuse of a popular sire beyond a <u>reasonable</u> contribution through frequent breedings significantly skews the gene pool in this direction, and reduces the diversity of the gene pool. Any genes that he possesses – whether positive or negative – will increase in frequency. Through this founder's effect, breed related genetic disease can occur. Another insidious effect of the popular sire syndrome is the loss of genetic contribution from quality, unrelated males who are not used for breeding. There is a finite number of quality bitches bred each year. If one male is used in an inordinate amount of matings, there will be fewer females left for these quality males that should be contributing to the gene pool. The popular sire syndrome is a significant factor in both populous breeds and breeds with small populations. I believe as a whole, that Gordon Setter stud dog owners have worked hard to manage stud dogs properly to avoid the "popular sire syndrome". This is not an easy task to manage as so many variables, including emotions come into play. Hats off to all who have kept a diligent and watchful eye on our breed through proper stud dog management. As I look back at what Dr. Bell has written, I realize that our breed is fortunate to have had many breeders, both past and present, who have contributed much to preserve the Gordon Setter; sometimes they contributed matings that improved specific aspects of the breed and sometimes they contributed by using breeding practices that preserved genetic diversity. Moving forward, our breed needs us to continue to attract and mentor a diverse group of breeders who also possess an understanding of the principles of gene pool diversity. As we have seen, there is simply not one step or one action to preserve diversity, instead there is a collection of various actions, that when understood and followed by the individual breeder, with each breeder working alongside the many other breeders – it is when we work as a collective group that we accomplish that one common goal – preservation of the purebred Gordon Setter... oh, and don't forget there is still improvement of the breed to consider!

Jerold S. Bell DVM writes: *The best methods for ensuring the health and diversity of a breed's gene pool are to:

- 1. Avoid the popular sire syndrome.
- Utilize quality dogs from the breadth of your population to expand the gene pool. (as new genes cannot be
 added to a closed registry this refers to preserving genes that might otherwise be lost by selection of only a
 few sires out of the many available)
- Monitor genetic health issues through regular health surveys.
- 4. Do genetic testing for breed-related disorders.

Participate in open health registries, such as CHIC (<u>www.caninehealthinfo.org</u>) to manage genetic disorders.

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Nearby Events

* 5/1 5/31 May * 5/1 5/1 **AKC CA CO Colorado Springs Kennel Club**; Zoiboyz Ranch; Payton; All Breed, 2 trials O Rebecca Riggs; 970-888-3149

5/6 5/8 NADAC AG CO Mountain Dog Sports; Adams CGF; Brighton O Lindsey Cooper; 303-452-2786

- * 5/7 5/8 **AKC OB/R CO Mtn. States DTC**; Adams CFG; Brighton I Terri Desnica; 303-989-5008 Robert Miller; 15281 W Archer Dr, Golden, CO 80401
- * 5/5 5/8 **AKC AG UT Intermountain KC (IKC)**; Equestrian Center, South Jordan; O Suzanne Belger 208-542-6552
- * 5/5 5/8 **AKC B/OB/R UT Beehive Cluster**; Equestrian Center; South Jordan I Onofrio Dog Shows; 405-427-8181
- * 5/6 5/8 **AKC AG NE Bellevue Dog Obedience Club**; Nebraska Humane Society; Omaha O Karen Nenow; 816-587-2760
- * 5/6 5/8 AKC AG TX South Plains Obedience Training Club; Panhandle South Plains FG; Lubbock I Nancy Culley; 505-861-5985
- * 5/13 5/15 AKC AG CO Western Colorado Agility Club; Mesa CFG; Grand Junction O Deb Ascher; 970-532-3124
- 5/13 5/15 USDAA AG CO FRAT/FRAC; Regionals; Schaefer Sports Complex; Denver O Michelle Hoppes; 303-604-9658
- 5/15 5/15 Match OB/R CO Friends of Hounds; Fruitdale Park; Wheatridge I Carol Makowski:; 303-665-9007
- 5/20 5/22 AKC AG CO Palmer Divide Agility Club (PDAC); Latigo Trails; Elbert I Deb Ascher; 970-532-3124
- 5/23 5/23 AKC AG CO Keeshond Club of America; Latigo Trails; Elbert; ALL BREED I Deb Ascher; 970-532-3124
- 5/19 5/22 AKC B/OB/R NM Durango KC; Farmington w/ Agility I Onofrio Dog Shows; 405-427-8181
- 5/21 5/22 UKC OB/R CO Twin Peaks; Boulder CFG; Longmont; 2 per day I Shelley Fugett; 303-678-7497
- 5/18 5/19 **Teacup AG CO TDAA Petit Prix Warm-up Workshop with Bud Houston**; JDouglas CFG, Castle Rock I Marsha Houston; 740-749-3597
- 5/20 5/22 **Teacup AG CO TPDA Teacup Petit Prix Nationals**; Douglas CFG; Castle Rock I Brenda Wood; 303-421-9440
- 5/22 5/22 **AKC Tracking CO Denver Foothills Tracking Association**; Denver West Office Park; Arvada; VST O Martha Rosner; 303-468-4327
- * 5/21 5/22 AKC Earthdog CO Rocky Mountain Earthdog Club; Elizabeth O Sandy Trzos 303-838-9636
- * 5/20 5/22 **ASCA AG CO Memorial Day ASCA Classic Show;** Elbert CFG; Kiowa; All Breed O Geri Scheidt; 303-243-0833
- * 5/20 5/23 ASCA O/R CO Memorial Day ASCA Classic Show; Elbert CFG; Kiowa; All Breed I Sue Scott; 720-272-8998
- * 5/20 5/23 **ASCA Herding CO Memorial Day ASCA Classic Show**; Elbert CFG; Kiowa; All Breed O Geri Scheidt; 720-272-8998 5/21 5/22 **USDAA AG CO All Colorado Agility Team (ACAT)**; Minnequa Lake Park; Pueblo O Kelly Misegadis; 719-596-7115
- * 5/21 5/22 **AKC AG NM Durango KC**; San Juan CFG; Farmington O Pam Smith;
- 5/21 5/22 **Seminar OB CO Connie Cleveland Obedience Seminar**; Canine Solutions; Colorado Springs I Georgeann Steffens; 70-531-2022 5/28 5/30 **AKC AG CO Rocky Mountain Viszla Club/Cairn Terrier Club**; Schaefer Sports Complex; Denver I Deb Ascher; 970-532-3124
- 5/30 AKC AG UT Salty Dogz Agility Club of Utah; Legacy Event Center (Outdoor); Farmington O Suzanne Belger 208-542-6552
- * 5/29 5/30 AKC B/OB/R WY Laramie KC; Albany CFG; Laramie I Onofrio Dog Shows; 405-427-8181

BVKC Committee Reports

Show Committee ~

Our next show meeting is scheduled for May 11th 6:30 at Carino's in Loveland. Carino's is located just west of I25 on Hwy 34 south of Target. We will have a private room. Our first draft of the Premium List is due the first week of June, so we need to make some final decisions. Contact Vicki with any questions;) Vicki Harris: imagedobes@gmail.com



Tracking Committee ~

If you would like more information for upcoming events, please contact:

Carol Pernicka: cpernick23@gmail.com



Herding Committee ~

Our next Herding Event is set for April 16th-17th

For More Information: Val Manning ~ TerraNorte@aol.com 970-568-7708



BVKC Committee Reports

$^{\parallel}$ Health Committee $^{\sim}$

We are having a Breeder's Symposium on April 17th
Hosted By Dr. Greg Burns of South Mesa Vet Clinic here
in Fort Collins.

Attention Juniors! ~

We have some exciting news for the Junior Competitors in our area! Bailey is busy creating an entire program for the Juniors in our area.

At our annual show this year in October, we will feature a couple Special Events just for Juniors. We will also be offering for the very first time, the NEW AKC Peewee Class for youngsters between the ages of 5-9! If you would like to ask her any questions...

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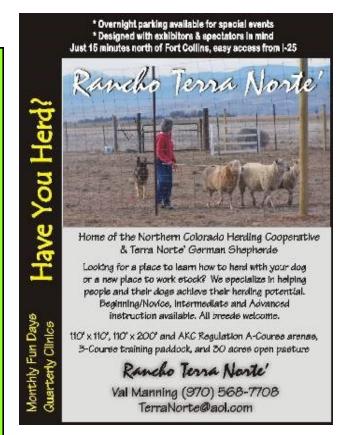
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From the Editor

Hi Friends,

This is kind of silly to write as an editor of a DOG CLUB NEWSLETTER, but I remember May Day as a child. We /I (sometimes school friends; fife and drum corps or Girl Scout Troup; some times alone) made May Baskets for the elderly in my neighborhood. The elderly Mrs. Aster (yes, she was related to the Aster that lost his life on the Titanic) lived across the street, and I would bring her a May Basket every year. You know what, not only did it brighten their day, it brightened mine as well. I hope that you all might think about something to do to brighten someone else's day this Sunday. Maybe you can offer to take their dog for a walk...

Blessings, Sandy Paws and reflect.....



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BVKC ~ Where we love to talk about dog events of ALL types! So please join us;)