

DCGB NEWSLETTER February 2015

WELCOME

To those of you who are not yet members of the Dachshund Club of Greater Buffalo, you may not know that we meet 6-8 times year and for most of our gatherings, you may bring your well behaved dog. Our meetings this Spring are on February 8, March 1 and April 19. Please view our website (www.dcgb.net) for more information.

We will again this year be holding a brunch at the Ramada in Getzville. It is a very special time when we can relax together. No dog kids at this party but dogs will certainly be welcome at our summer picnic, meetings at the Bowmansville Methodist Church and, of course, our holiday partly.

Dachshund Club of America 2015 Nationals

The fun this year begins on March 15 with the tracking tests in Hanover Park, Illinois. Then you get to hustle on down to Canton, Georgia for the field and earth dog events which begin on March 31. Canton is just south of Atlanta.

If you are not already too exhausted, the highlights of the extravaganza begin on April 5th in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Headquarters for that week is the Chattanooga Choo Choo hotel and conference center. You can actually stay in a train car but no dogs allowed in the trains. Darn! That week will include agility, rally, obedience, conformation, seminars, dinners and lots of time to enjoy each other's company and see great dogs.

Some of our club members will be attending at least some of these events. Even if you do not enter any of the events, it is a wonderful opportunity to meet Dachshund breeders, assess dogs that you have only read about or seen in photos and see first hand what our very versatile breed can do in the field and in the ring. It's not only a wonderful party but a learning experience too. Plus, you may just bring home a ribbon!

It is confirmed! In 2016, the nationals will be held in Gettysburg, PA. The dates are April 24 - May 8. There is already a proposed schedule posted on the new DCA website. Since the 2016 nationals are being held so close to home, we should all be marking our calendars. As a nearby club, our help would also be welcomed by the hosts, the Metropolitan Washington Dachshund Club and the DCA officers and board.

For more information as it becomes available go to www.dachshundclubofamerica.org

SPECIALTY RESULTS

September 2014/ Wine Country (Member's Dogs in Bold Type)

Longhair

WD Old Hanover's Still Making Trouble ML BOW Linda Beamer

WB Tekel Oops I Did It Again Sophie Tremblay

BOV GCH. Stonybrook's Phinito Robin Gianopoulos

BOS Jordach's Angel At Danny Boy Jane Coleman

SEL GCH. Aviance's Pramada For Terms Of Endearment SL Valerie Diker

SEL Tekel Maybe I Know SL Sophie Tremblay

Smooth

WD Nepachee's Copper Kettle Beverly Gauthier

WB Dynadaux Redneck Dirt Road BOW V. Deedachs _Helen Clark

BOV GCH R'Hill's Total Knockout MS, RN Terri Frenia

BOS GCH Treslow's Garden Party SS, CGC, RN Dawn Gagola and Donna Taylor and Rachel Hoffman

SEL CH. Dachlines Bach In Black And Tan Wendy Beck

SEL GCH Hearthside Yankee Pinstripes

Mary Ann Cawley

Wirehair

WD Legibach Beyond The Night SW BOW Brenda and William Ashton

WB Peshawar Sadie Christina Cole BOV GCH. Raydachs Ride My Ducati SW Shirley Ray

BOS GCH. Treis Pinheiros Buona Sera SW P. Romenelli and C. Pedroso

SEL GCH. TarabonWillowood Man With The Golden Gun Sherri Wang

SEL FC Doxwood's Leading Lady MW John Merriman

January 2015/ Hamburg

Longhair

WD Cottons Chocolate Thunder BOW Carol Cotton

WB Tam-Boer's Jade Star of Harlequin ML BOS Karen Scheiner

BOV GCH. Stonybrooks Phinito Ted & Barbara. Durvin

SEL CH. Dachsadore Isle DeGrand Best Man Sonja Miller

Smooth

WD Grandgables Wee Impressionist Guy Jeavons

WB Tarlyn's Love Goddess MS BOW Tara & Joel Hartman & Paige Hartman

BOV Ch Stardox When Irish Eyes Are Smilin' Cathy Kelly and L & D Simmons

BOS GCH Dachlines Ride Of The Valkyrie Wendy & Jeremy Beck

SEL CH. Dachlines Bach In Black And Tan Wendy & Jeremy Beck

SEL CH. GCH Treslow's Garden Party SS, BN, RN - Dawn Gagola, Donna Taylor & Rachel Hoffman

Wirehair

WD None

WB Victory's Speak No Evil W BOW Victoria Thomas BOS

BOV CH Starbarrack 'NJ's Sweet Dreams SW Mary E. Heywood & Sharon Johnson

SEL GCH Tarabon Willowood Man With The Golden Gun Sherry Wang



Toni and Lucca

FIELD TRIAL RESULTS

Our two newest members, Lucca and his Mom, **Toni Robach**, have had a super debut field trialing season. Lucca's first field trial was our trial in Alexander, NY this September. At that trial he placed 4th. Well, that started him on a rise to stardom! Toni and Gail Binder drove together to Cowansville, PA in October and Lucca won another placement on Saturday and on Sunday did what many dogs try a lifetime to achieve. He earned his first place. Lucca only needs a few more points now to become a Field Champion.

Bill Brown's Einstein earned his field championship last year and is now competing with the big guns in the Field Champion class. Bill is sure to get his new puppy Schatzie out in the field as soon as possible. Schatzie will be old enough to run in the May trials at Alexander.

Bill and Gail traveled together to the Wyoming Valley Beagle Grounds near Wilkes Barre, PA. Must not have been a very successful weekend because I can't remember that either had any placements. Well, they did have fun. These grounds are super but the word is that they do not want the Dachshunds back again.

Gail Binder took her Daisy and Edelweiss (Edel) to Cowansville and like Lucca, her girls had a good weekend. Highlight was on Sunday when Edel ran in second series with her Grandma Lily. Lily has been in the top ten field dogs several times. Lily and Edel had a super run... voicing all the way to kingdom come. Lily wasn't going to let her little progeny get the better of her. Lily held first place but Edel held second place against her Aunt Lykke in the third series.

Those of you who do not come out to the field trials have no idea how much fun you and your dogs are missing. It's such a joy to see our dogs do what they were bred to do.

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

Kim Bessinger had lots of news for us this year.

Kim reports that her Vivi is from Connie Fisher in Virginia and is an affectionate and funny girl. She only needs one more major to earn her Championship. Kim was pleased that Vivi earned her first major at a prestigious show in Virginia. It was at the Metropolitan Washington Dachshund Club in Stephenson, VA where she earned a 5 point major.



Vivi

Kim's Dancer had a litter of 7 in September. They were all placed and a female puppy, Schatzie, is now with **Karen and Bill Brown**. She is doing well and loves playing in the leaves and snow.



Schatzie

Schatzie's brother Lucas lives in Massachusetts and has two speeds.... Unconscious and zooming at 90 mph. His new companions love him, as they recently lost their 17 year old Dachshund.



Lucas

These pups from Dancer's litter all have that look that says "Who me? I was good. I swear. I was just being curious!".



Duff

There are two more pups from Dancer's litter who have homes in the Buffalo area. One is a Black and Tan male named Duff. He is going to be a big boy. Last word was he weighed 17 lbs!



Red

A red male named Red is in the Southtowns area. His photo shows him enjoying the life all Dachshunds think they deserve!!!

Kim also reported that Schultz, who is owned by **Sonja Miller** is very close to earning his Grand Championship. Schultz is a son of Kim's Buca. Below is a photo of Schultz winning a Group 1st in 2013



Schultz

It was good to hear from **Ann and Mike Pierce**, since they are currently unable to attend our meetings. Their dogs are doing well. Willy will be 17 in May! Ann writes that he is doing quite well for his age. Their Vet says that they are the geriatric dog owners. I'm sure he means the dogs are geriatric and definitely not Ann and Mike. They also report that they have been very busy caring for Ann's Dad who is 94 years old. He fell and broke his hip. He is currently in the hospital but as soon as he gains strength he will return to his assisted living home. Ann and Mike are looking forward to spring and a trip to Jamaica with their daughter and son in law.

Bonnie Ball has a litter of Mini Smooth pups and they are ready to go to their new homes. Her AmCan CH Desjardins Camis Pretty Portrait MS was bred to BISS BPIS AmCan UKC CH R'Hill's Total Knock Out named "KO". Bonnie can be reached at 716- 228-1052, if you or someone you know is interested in a new puppy.

Bonnie also sent the following link to a very interesting online article. (http://hi-cchihuahuas.addy.com/badbite.html.). The article states that a bad bite (malformation of the lower jaw) is controlled by many genes. Both lower jaw formation and development of teeth are polygenic.... controlled by many genes. The only way to improve on a bad bite in future generations of pups is to breed selectively. This means breeding only good bites to good bites.

Gail Binder is very proud of her DC Starbarrack Wild Flower SW, UD named Daisy. Daisy recently finished her AKC Obedience Utility title. The Utility class is the most difficult of the AKC obedience classes. She is now working on her UDX. A UDX requires that she qualify in both the Open and Utility classes at the same trial. She earned her first UDX leg at the Dog Obedience Club of Rochester New York's trial.



Daisy

BOOK REVIEW

Do you have a naughty dog or one who just doesn't have as much confidence as you would like to see? This book may give you some ideas that you can try yourself and share with your puppy buyers.

The Dog Listener by Jan Fennel

It would seem from the plethora of canine behavior problem books available that there could be nothing new or better under the sun. What makes this book, by Jan Fennel, exceptional is that it's recommendations are easy to apply and compassionate. Jan's expertise and ultimately her book and consulting practice grew out of her knowledge of the methods of Monty Roberts, the "Horse Whisperer". Monty Roberts has written the foreword to this book.

The premise of *The Dog Listener* is not new. We know and usually accept the idea that every pack needs a leader and that a dog and it's owner constitute a pack. Whether the problem dog is a shy Violet or a little Napoleon, the problems will be lessened, if an owner can assume a strong leadership role. Too often, however, dog owners believe that they can't be strong leaders and simultaneously enjoy the loving companionship of their dog. They do not know how to easily, consistently and compassionately assume the leadership role.

Jan Fennel presents a four part process, which she calls "AmiChien Bonding". The goal of the process is to regain the leadership role from the problem dog. After explaining the process and how she came to develop it, the remaining chapters describe various dog misbehaviors and how, by using the bonding process, a shift in leadership occurs and problem behaviors are modified.

The bonding steps are:

- 1. Reuniting Or The Five Minute Rule: When you leave or come back to your dog after being gone all day or only taking out the garbage for few minutes.... it doesn't matter... you completely ignore the dog for at least five minutes. The owner decides when it is time to interact and the dog does not initiate interaction. This mirrors what happens in a wolf pack. When a wolf comes or goes from the pack, these are critical moments. The alpha leader determines when and if interaction will occur.
- 2. Danger Signals: If danger is perceived as when someone comes to the house or the mailman walks up the driveway, it is the leader's role to protect the pack. The dog's warning is acknowledged but then the dog is given something else to do. Subordinate pack members are the look outs. It's the alpha that takes on the foe!
- Taking Charge of the Walk or Going Out On the Hunt: Leader goes first. No pulling on lead. Pulling causes walking to cease.
- 4. Food Power: Leader eats first. If owner prefers to feed the dog before the owner eats, then "gesture eating" occurs. Owner slowly eats a cracker while dog waits. As with all four steps in the process, it's the behavior of the alpha wolf that is being modeled. The other members of the pack do not eat until the alpha pair is satisfied.

Whether your pack needs a stronger leader or you have a puppy buyer who needs some guidance, this book offers help that is easy to implement, requires minimal on site assessment of the problem and fosters a positive and enjoyable relationship between dog and owner.

Jan Fennel lives in Britain and all of her material is not readily available in the USA. The *Practical Dog Listener* is her newest book and will soon be available in the USA.

Check out Jan Fennel's web site at www.janfennelthedoglistener.com

The Dog Listener is available in many bookstores and from www.dogwise.com

DCGB COMING EVENTS

DCGB Meeting Dates: March 8 and April 19 at 2:00 pm at the Bowmansville Methodist Church on Genesee Street in Bowmansville.

DCGB Brunch- We are still working on a date but expect that it will be March 15 or 22. It will likely be at the Ramada Inn 2402 North Forest Road, Getzville, NY. From noon until approximately 4 PM. We anticipate that this may become an annual event. Watch our website (www.dcgb.net) for more details. Or better yet, come to a meeting and get the scoop first hand!!

DCGB Picnic: We do not yet have a date for our picnic but are hoping that Dawn and Al Gagola and Donna Taylor will again host this fun event at their home 5250 Gasport Road, Gasport Call 716-772-7813 for info and to RSVP.

DCGB Field Trial: Sept.12 and Sept.13 at the Niagara River Beagle Club, Dodgeson Road Alexander NY. Contact Bill at bill@stumpydogs.org or Gail at geb3679@rit.edu.

DCGB Conformation Specialty Show: This is still in the planning stages but we expect to hold our next specialty on September 26th in Romulus, NY. Our specialty will again be part of the 4 day Wine Country Circuit which begins on Thursday, Sept. 24th and continues through Sunday, Sept 27th.

OTHER COMING EVENTS

Dachshund Association of Long Island and DCA Regional Specialty Shows: February 13 in Rye Brook, New York (info@raudogshows.com)

Westminster Kennel Club: February 16/17 at Madison Square Garden will be televised.

Barn Hunt Trial: March 14/15 in Central Square, New York. Dogs must be registered at www.barnhunt.com to compete. Trials and other barn hunt activities are held at this location regularly.

Dachshund Club of New Jersey Specialty: March 21 in Edison, New Jersey (info@raudogshows.com)

Salt City Conformation and Obedience Cluster: March 26, 27, 28 and 29 at the Fairgrounds in Syracuse. (info@raudogshows.com)

Dachshund Club of America National Specialty:

March 15 - April 12 (info@foytrentdogshows.com or www.dachshundclubofamerica.org)

Dachshund Fanciers Assn. of Berks County Field Trial: April 18/19 at Swatara Beagle Club, Elizabethtown, PA

Harrisburg Kennel Club Cluster: April 11/12 at the Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg (info@raudogshows.com)

Metropolitan Baltimore Dachshund Club Specialty: April 17 in Timonium, Maryland (mbf@infodog.com)

Syracuse Dachshund Club Conformation and Obedience Specialty: April 26 in Cortland, NY Contact Darryl Hurst at hurst899@windstream.net for entries or more information.

Central New Jersey Hound Show: April 30 in Erwinna, PA (info@raudogshows.com)

Albany and Bay Colony Field Trials: May 16/17 at the Niagara River Beagle Club, Dodgeson Rd., Alexander NY.

Western Pennsylvania Dachshund Club Specialty: May 23 in New Castle, Pennsylvania (pending -will be MBF if held)

Olean and Conewango Kennel Clubs Conformation and Obedience Trials: May 29,30, 31. Obedience only on May 30 and 31. (mbf@infodog.com)

Western Pennsylvania Dachshund Club Field Trial: May30/31 at Cowansville, PA

Dachshund Club of New Jersey Field Trial: June 6/7 at Swartara Beagle Club, Elizabethtown, PA

Genesee Valley Kennel Club Conformation and Obedience Trials: June 20/21, Rush, NY (pending)

Kennel Club Lackawanna Earth Dog Event: June 19/20/21, Moscow, PA (pending)

Finger Lakes Kennel Club AKC Earth Dog Event: July 18 and July 29, Newark Valley, NY. (pending)

Tonawanda Valley Kennel Club Conformation and Obedience Trials: August 29/30/31, Albion, NY (pending)

Albany Dachshund Club Earth Dog Event: August 29 and August 30, Otego, NY. (pending)

Western Lakes Training Club Obedience/Rally Trials: Sept 5 and Sept 6, East Amherst, NY. (pending) Many of these events are in the planning stages. So, check for details closer to the given dates.

Watch our club website for more information on our club events - www.dcgb.net

For show information go to www.infodog.com or www.raudogshows.com or www.akc.org or contact the host club.