

TEXAS TALES



Texas Gulf Coast Vizsla Club Newsletter

January 2015 - March 2015

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NEW CHAMPION



CH Red Jacket Remington Roxanne, JH, BN, RN, CGC

Rhemy is my first Vizsla and she became my first champion on January 23rd in Alexandria, LA at the Baton Rouge Kennel Club under judge Mrs. Loraine Boutwell going WB. Rhemy was handled beautifully by Karen Newman, a.k.a. "Nana Karen". Rhemy is out of CH Dirigo Dixieland Jazz, "Jazzy" and CH Red Jacket Zoltan Piroska "Zoltie". Rhemy is owned and loved by Leisa Freeman and Debbie Sullivan. Rhemy was bred by Katherine Plato. Rhemy's next adventure will take her to Perfection Kennel with Jon Han for training to do more of what she loves most...Pointing Birds!!!

“LAVA”



PHOTO BY: DEBORAH DUTY

Regal Point -N- Pinnacle River Of Fire JH

Lava, at just 8 months old, completed her JH title at the San Antonio Weimaraner Club Hunt Test in West Point, Texas with her final 2 qualifications on February 21st & 22nd. This girl only cares about the birds. She was not at all phased by us spreading the fun of being handled among ourselves while helping her earn this title. She was handled by myself, Debbie Sullivan and Susan Rushing at various times. Lava is out of CH Regal Point Feelin' Groovy JH "Groovy" and GCH CH Regal Point Pinnacle Of Kilauea JH CGC "Mason". Lava is owned and loved by Leisa Freeman, Debbie & Stephen Sullivan, Susan Rushing and Deborah Verret. Lava was bred by Debbie and Stephen Sullivan. We are all looking forward to enjoying the adventures this girl is sure to take us on.



Brag, Brag, Brag!

From Debbie Sullivan (January)

Regal Point Wind on Wailea “Kai”, owned by Deborah Duty, WB for a 4 point major in Rosenberg, TX

Regal Point -N- Pinnacle River of Fire “Lava”, owned by Leisa Freeman, Debbie & Stephen Sullivan, Susan Rushing and Deborah Verett, 4 point major in Rosenberg, TX

Regal Point Fire Mountain “Bennett”, owned by Austin and Liz Marshall, WD/BOS for 2 points on Saturday and WD/BOW/BOS for a 4 point major on Sunday in Rosenberg, TX

Pursuit of the Crown at Regal Point “Regal”, owned by Debbie & Stephen Sullivan and Gail Fleming, WD/BOW for a 5 point major in Alexandria, LA

Regal Point Mahukona “Kona”, owned by Sarah and Mike Prejean, 3 and 5 point major in Alexandria, LA



Brag, Brag, Brag!

From Debbie Sullivan (February)

Regal Point Emperor of Kilauea “Carson”, owned by Steve, Stephen and Melody Loupe, first two points in Pensacola, FL

Regal Point Simply Mas Amor “Mas”, owned by Neal and Jenny Conant, WD/BOW/BOB in Austin, TX

Regal Point Wind on Wailea “Kai”, owned by Deborah Duty, WB for a 4 point major in Rosenberg, TX

From Debbie Sullivan & Deborah Duty (March)

Regal Point Wind on Wailea “Kai”, owned by Deborah Duty, new JH

Regal Point Simply Mas Amor “Mas”, owned by Neal and Jenny Conant, two JH legs

From Leisa Freeman (March)

Pursuit’s Tribute to Tiara at Regal Point “Karma”, owned by Leisa Freeman, Debbie Sullivan and Gail Fleming, two JH legs

Five Simple Steps To Prevent Canine Cancer

By Dana Scott in Holistic Care



Did you know that the primary cause of death in dogs over two years of age is cancer? In fact, half of all adult dogs will die from cancer. That's a staggering number. But you can beat the odds for your dog by following these five simple steps. The Best Cure For Canine Cancer Is Prevention
Cancer begins when carcinogens damage DNA, which then waits for just the right opportunity to create cancerous cells. The good news is your dog's

body has a built-in mechanism to kill cancer cells; a gene called p53. However exposure to toxins and viruses can damage that gene and limit its ability to protect the body from the spread of cancerous cells. We all know that treatment options for cancer aren't all that effective. The best cure for cancer is to just not get it in the first place. Happily, there are easy, actionable steps you can take to prevent cancer in your furry family members. Here is a list that every pet owner should be aware of.

Reduce the use of flea and tick products

Dr. Dobozy of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) pesticide division states that one of the laboratory effects of fipronil in the popular flea and tick product Frontline, is thyroid cancer and altered thyroid hormones.

While the company creates the impression that their product does not migrate into the body, radiolabeled fipronil was found in several organs and in the fat of tested dogs and was also excreted in their urine and feces.

Bio Spot Flea and Tick Control, Defend Exspot Treatment and Zodiac FleaTrol Spot On all contain one or both of the active ingredients Permethrin and/or Pyriproxyfen. Permethrin has been implicated as a carcinogenic insecticide causing lung cancer and liver tumors in laboratory animals. Exposure to a carcinogen typically occurs many years before the cancer appears. Often times it never escalates into a cancerous growth. Imagine how potent the carcinogens are that create cancer within several months in a laboratory setting.

Don't think that the numerous products not mentioned here are safe. According to the Center for Public Integrity, who collected information through the Freedom of Information Act, the "natural" pyrethrins (naturally occurring compounds from the chrysanthemum plant) and pyrethroids (the synthetic counterpart) caused double the fatalities (1,600) from 2002 to 2007 than the non-pyrethroid compounds. There are natural products that are effective for fleas and ticks. Do your pet a favor and look for safer alternatives. Here is [a simple recipe](#) you can make and use at home.

Maintain your lawn and garden with non-toxic products

Lawn chemicals, weed killers and herbicides are just as toxic as flea and tick products. Dogs and cats are low to the ground and are much more susceptible to these toxins.

Studies (Abstract of Environmental Health 112(1): 171-6 (Jan. 2012), show a link between lawn chemicals and cancer in dogs. In this study, researchers identified 263 dogs with biopsy-confirmed canine malignant lymphoma (CML), 240 dogs with benign tumors, and 230 dogs undergoing surgeries unrelated to cancer. Then, they asked the pet owners to complete a 10 page questionnaire. Scientists found that dogs with malignant lymphoma were 70 percent more likely to live in a home where professionally applied lawn pesticides had been used. Dogs with serious malignancy were also 170 percent more likely to come from homes where owners used chemical insecticides. For nontoxic lawn nourishment, broadcast one-eighth to one-quarter of an inch of high-quality compost over your lawn using a shovel. Compost nourishes beneficial soil microbes and doesn't contain harsh salts the way many chemical fertilizers do, and you could see some improvement in just a few days. Instead of reaching for Roundup or other harmful synthetic products to kill weeds creeping up through sidewalk or driveway cracks, try using [BurnOut](#), an organic weed killer made of food grade vinegar and clove oil. Just be sure to spray it directly on weeds on a warm, sunny day for the best effect. You can also use BurnOut to quickly and organically kill weeds in the yard; however, it will temporarily leave a brown spot, and you'll need to reseed the area to shade out new weed growth.

Know what's in your detergents, soaps and cleansers

Take it upon yourself to research dryer sheets and room deodorizers on the web and you'll discover their cancer causing ingredients. If all the carcinogens our dogs are exposed to on a daily basis, this would be a very long and depressing article. Even cleaners labeled "safe," "non-toxic" and "green" can contain hazardous ingredients. There should be a law against bogus claims, but there isn't. Some companies are willing to bend the truth – because they can. Even citrus and pine based cleaners can react with trace levels of ozone air pollution to form ultra-fine particles that penetrate deep into the lungs and formaldehyde, which the U.S. government classifies as a known human carcinogen. The good news is you can make your own inexpensive green cleaning products. [Click here](#) for some great recipes.

If you must alter your dog, don't do it too young

A growing body of research is implicating early spaying and neutering in increasing cancer rates. In a 2002 study, it was established that there was an increased risk of osteosarcoma in both male and female Rottweilers sterilized before the age of one year. In another study, it was shown that the risk of bone cancer in sterilized large purebred dogs was twice that of dogs that were not neutered. Spay and neuter, especially when done before 18 months of age, shouldn't be an automatic decision. For more information on spay/neuter decisions, [click here](#).

Eliminate or minimize vaccinations as much as possible

We saved the most important point for last. In cats, the Feline Vaccine Associated Sarcoma is an aggressive malignant tumor that appears at vaccine injection sites. What is the veterinary solution for this? To vaccinate cats in the tail so it can easily be removed when fibrosarcoma strikes.

This doesn't mean dogs don't get cancer from vaccines. The Journal of Veterinary Medicine, August 2003, shows that vaccines cause cancer in dogs at their injection sites too. Cancers are found in not only vaccine injection sites, but in other areas of the body not directly in the vicinity of the injection site. Documented cases of lymphoma have resulted in patients developing vaccine injection site fibrosarcomas. The reason cancer is so strongly linked to vaccines is a commonly found vaccine adjuvant: **aluminum**. In 1999, the WHO named aluminum hydroxide as a grade 3 out of 4 carcinogen, with 4 being the most carcinogenic. Not only do vaccines inject this dangerous carcinogen into pets, they also have the same effect as the above toxins; the damage the cancer protecting p53 genes. Talk about a double whammy! If you must vaccinate, be aware that it only takes one core vaccine to protect a dog or cat for life. There is no need to revaccinate once a dog has responded to a vaccine. How do you know if your dog has responded to a vaccine? You ask your vet to run a titer test, preferably two to three weeks after vaccination.

You can learn more about [vaccine risks and duration of immunity](#).

So there you have it! Five easy ways to prevent cancer in your pet. What changes can you make today?

Please Welcome our newest Vizsla family members

Please submit your photos to txweimar@gmail.com This is a place to share those special moments at no charge.

Meet “Callie” Bred by Amy Barnes RedPointe Vizslas



Newest addition to the Rhode family. Many fun adventures lay ahead for this girl!!!

Meet “Mas” Bred by Debbie & Stephen Sullivan Regal Point Vizslas



Newest addition to the Conant family. This is one lucky pup!!!

TEXAS GULF COAST VIZSLA CUB

Membership Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2015

January 6, 2015, Sosa Community Center, 7:00 p.m. - The monthly meeting of the Texas Gulf Coast Vizsla Club was called to order by President Mark Smith. The attendance roster is attached.

Minutes of the November and December meetings were approved as distributed.

Report of Officers

President – Mark announced the Board of Directors had voted to send a \$100 check to Amy Barnes to purchase items for the Field Trial raffle.

Secretary - The club had received acknowledgements from (1) AKC for the matching gift donation to the Health Foundation designated for the epilepsy study, (2) Collie Rescue for the club's donation to their recent emergency rescue situation and (3) holiday card from the Cocker Rescue Group.

Treasurer: The Treasurer's report (attached) was filed for audit. Jan discussed the expenses of the December Hunt Test.

Report of Committees

Agility – Connie gave an update on the plans for the April 17-19 agility trial.

Field Trial – Amy Barnes needs volunteers for the January 17-18 Field Trial at West Point.

Hunt Test - The Hunt Test was successful. However we need to have guidelines for volunteers to know the responsibilities of the various jobs.

Programs – Jan asked for suggestions for future programs.

Specialty –Melinda is working to hire judges for the July 2015 Specialty Show.

Election of New Members

An application was read for a first reading for Associate membership for Suzanne Labarthe. After a second reading for Associate membership for Beth Wray, Jan made a motion, seconded by Karen, to accept her into membership; motion carried.

New Business

Discussion continued on the need to have written guidelines for the various events. Amanda will store them on Google so they are readily available. Melinda will submit those for agility and the specialty show; Mark agreed to write those for hunt tests and Brent will write those for Fun Day.

Program

Debbie Duty presented a very informative program on what to do if a dog is lost.

After brags, meeting adjourned.

Submitted,

Melinda Giles

Melinda Giles, Secretary

Attachments

TEXAS GULF COAST VIZSLA CUB

Membership Meeting Minutes February 3, 2015

February 3, 2015, Sosa Community Center, 7:00 p.m. - The monthly meeting of the Texas Gulf Coast Vizsla Club was called to order by President Mark Smith. The attendance roster is attached.

Minutes of the January 6 meeting were approved as distributed.

Report of Officers

President – Mark stated that he had attended the field trial the weekend of January 17-18 and was impressed with how well organized it was.

Secretary - The club received a notice from AKC stating the contributions exceeded \$500,000 for the matching gift campaign for the to the Health Foundation

Treasurer: The Treasurer's report (attached) was filed for audit. Derek Lucas will audit the 2014 books.

Report of Committees

Agility – Connie presented the program on agility.

Field Trial – Amy Barnes sent a thank you to all who helped with the successful field trial. She and Ashley Uffman have offered to serve as chair and secretary for the 2016 trial.

Education – Melinda reported that nuts such as Macadamia, walnuts, almonds, cashews and Brazil nuts should not be given to our dogs, and listed the consequences of doing so. As long as there is no allergy, peanuts are generally safe.

Hunt Test - Mark brought samples and offered to make handler guns to present to those earning a title at our next hunt test.

Meet the Breed - A chairman is needed for the July weekend

Programs – Jan is tentatively planning a program about selecting stud dogs and/or brood bitches for breeding.

Specialty –Melinda reported that applications and the premium list had been submitted for the July 15 show. After discussion the group decided not to host an after show party.

Election of New Members

An application was read for a second reading for Associate membership for Suzanne Labarthe. Jan made a motion, seconded by Mark, to accept her into membership; motion carried.

New Business

Robin Converse agreed to store club supplies until May. After May Wendy Marzullo will store them.

Program

Connie presented the nuts and bolts of planning and executing an agility trial.

After brags, meeting adjourned.

Submitted,

Melinda Giles

Melinda Giles, Secretary

Attachments

Dear Members,

It is time to ask for trophy pledges for the **July 15, 2015 Specialty Show and Obedience/Rally Trials**. Below are the classes and prices. Please let me know by **February 15** what you would like to pledge. Donations to the General Trophy Fund are also welcome. Invoices will be sent in April/May.

Please response to this address (Melinda_Meyer@kindermorgan.com) or call me at 281-392-1296.

CONFORMATION	Price	Classes	Price
Best of Breed -	\$50.00	Open Dog & Bitch	\$10.00 ea
Best Opposite Sex	\$40.00	American Bred Dog & Bitch	\$10.00 ea
Best of Winners	\$30.00	Bred By Exhibitor Dog & Bitch	\$10.00 ea
Winners Dog	\$20.00	Amateur Owner/Handler Dog & Bitch	\$10.00 ea
Winners Bitch	\$20.00	12-18 Month Puppy Dog & Bitch	\$10.00 ea
		9-12 Month Puppy Dog & Bitch	\$10.00 ea
		6-9 Puppy Dog & Bitch	\$10.00 ea
Best in Sweepstakes	\$20.00	Veteran Dog & Bitch	\$10.00 ea
Best Opposite in Sweeps	\$20.00	Hunting Dog & Bitch	\$10.00 ea
Best Junior Handler –	\$20.00		
OBEDIENCE			
Highest in Trial	\$50.00	Utility B and Utility A	\$10.00 ea
High Combined	\$40.00	Open B and Open A	\$10.00 ea
		Novice B and Novice A	\$10.00 ea
		Beginner Novice	\$10.00
		Graduate Novice	\$10.00
		Veteran	\$10.00
RALLY			
		Novice A and Novice B	\$10.00 ea
		Advanced A and Advanced B	\$10.00 ea
		Excellent A and Excellent B	\$10.00 ea
AGILITY			
		NO agility on Wednesday	
GENERAL FUND			

As always, thanks for your generosity.

Melinda Giles, Show Chairman

The AKC Canine Health Foundation Announces 2015 Clinician-Scientist Fellows

The AKC Canine Health Foundation is pleased to announce the 2015 class of Clinician-Scientist Fellows. Six promising veterinary post docs and students were selected by their colleges of veterinary medicine and will receive support from the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) for their training and research efforts.

Established in 2013, the AKC Canine Health Foundation Clinician-Scientist Fellowship Program seeks to encourage and support the next generation of canine health researchers in order to sustain future advancements in canine and human health.

“We are excited to see the impact of this program grow so quickly and to see our donors start to share in our enthusiasm for supporting our next generation of veterinary clinician-scientists,” said Dr. Shila Nordone, CHF Chief Scientific Officer. “As emerging key opinion leaders in veterinary medicine their relationships with our donors and their understanding of the value of collaboration is critical to helping us solve our greatest health concerns faster.”

The 2015 AKC Canine Health Foundation Clinician-Scientist Fellows are:

Dr. Steven Friedenberg, DVM, MS, MBA of North Carolina State University. Dr. Friedenberg’s research seeks to understand the genetic causes of autoimmune diseases in dogs.

Dr. Hyun Ji Noh, MS, PhD of the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard. Dr. Noh’s research is focused on studying psychiatric disorders such as obsessive-compulsive disorder in the dog

Dr. Alana Redfern-Allen, DVM of Iowa State University. Dr. Redfern-Allen will investigate Diabetes mellitus, a common endocrine disease of dogs and humans.

Dr. Christine Sibigroth, DVM of University of Missouri. Dr. Sibigroth will study canine degenerative myelopathy (DM), an adult onset progressive neurodegenerative disease in dogs that shares many characteristics with inherited amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) in humans. Dr. Sibigroth’s research is sponsored by the American German Shepherd Dog Charitable Foundation, Inc.

Dr. Amelia Sinkin, VMD of University of Georgia. Dr. Sinkin’s research is focused on myxomatous mitral valve disease (MMVD), a condition affecting an estimated 2 - 4.9 million dogs in the United States and leads to the development of congestive heart failure in approximately 15% of affected animals.

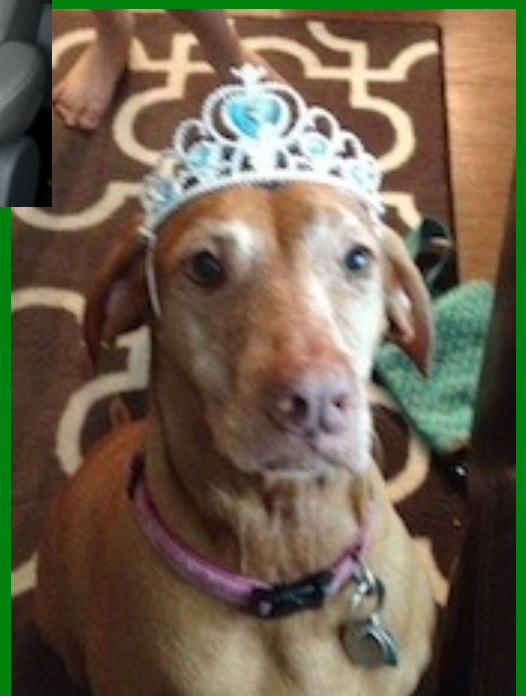
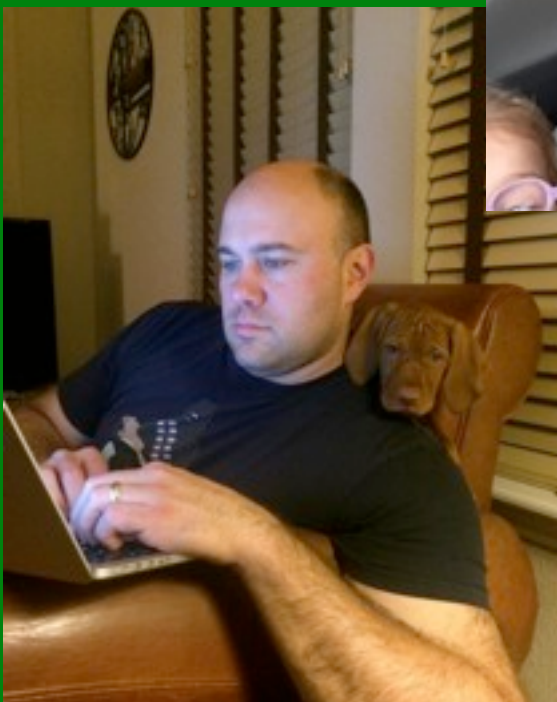
Ms. Emily Brown, DVM / PhD Candidate of the University of California, Davis. Ms. Brown’s research will investigate the genetic etiology of Addison’s disease, an endocrine disorder, in the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever (NSDTR) and other dogs. Ms. Brown is sponsored by the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA) and the UC Davis Center for Companion Animal Health and the UC Davis Center for Companion Animal Health.

Importantly, all research performed by these Fellows will be in line with CHF’s mission and will be consistent with the foundation’s policies and guiding principles.

Visit www.akcCHF.org/fellows to learn more about the 2015 Fellows and their canine health research projects.

Candid Canines

Looking for fun photos of your dog! Please submit your photos to txweimar@gmail.com. This is a place to share those special moments at no charge.



TGCVC RESCUE

Finding Forever Homes

Ideally the rescues are placed into a foster home to assess their needs and behavior before placing in a forever home. There is a shortage of fosters who are able to take in the rescues who would need the most evaluation. Most are willing to do short term fostering and evaluating.

So many of the rescues lately have been older and even if they are perfect in every way, they take longer to find their forever homes. Often times, Peggy lets the potential adopters do a trial run (kind of foster to adopt) and then if it doesn't work out, she scrambles to find somewhere else to place the dog.

<https://www.facebook.com/TexasVizslaRescue>

<http://www.texasvizslarescue.org/about.html>

For help with a rescue's behavior issues, Peggy consults with Jan Nuzzo for advice. Another great resource for Peggy has been Melinda Giles.

RESCUE

Contact the breed rescue chairman
for information about current
rescues.

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Jan Nuzzo

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Please contact Peggy Ross to borrow any of these books
or to donate books or videos to the library

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BOOKS

- A Hunter's Fireside Book – Gene Hill, 1972
Agility Dog Training for All Breeds-Charles L. Kramer, 1997
Dog Breeding for Professionals-Dr. Herbert Richards, 1978
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Contact the breed referral chairman if you have a litter, have a litter due, or are looking for a puppy.
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