



From the Presidents Desk...

First of all I would like to wish everyone a very, very Happy New Year filled with peace, happiness and success in 2011.

I hope everyone enjoyed Mid-Florida's annual holiday party. It was a joy to spend time with old friends and to meet so many new members.

With the realization of how large our membership has become I thought it was time to review where MFGRC has been and where it hopes to go in the coming years.

MFGRC started way back in 1984 by a handful of golden lovers who felt the need for an organization that would develop and promote the interests of the golden retriever fancier. We began our journey with small conformation and obedience matches and our parent club's WC/WCX test. We learned as we grew and we've come a long way in the nearly 30 years since our inception. We began as a struggling young club trying to encourage new members to become a part of our organization to the large, strong, first rate club we are today. We can thank our founding members for laying the firm foundation which has allowed our club to grow and progress throughout the years.

In 1997 we began the process of applying for and achieving AKC licensing to host specialty shows and obedience trials. In November of 1998 we hosted the GRCA Eastern Regional Specialty followed the next day by our first Independent Specialty. This was really the beginning of MFGRC as we know it today. After getting our "paws" wet with this first and subsequent specialties we successfully submitted a bid to host the 2002 GRCA National Specialty. This very successful National was the culmination of 3 years of intense work by a very dedicated membership. Each year since 2002 we have hosted an independent specialty which attracts a large entry of exhibitors. Not to be left behind in other venues we were granted licenses to host hunt tests, agility trials and tracking test. Other than hosting field trials, we offer every event for the golden retriever enthusiast.

The current board of directors, with the exception of a few new members, has been in place for many, many years. We've worked hard and long to bring new ideas and exciting events to our members but the time has come to find new people to help our club grow and progress. As in all aspect of life, without new ideas and bigger and better goals, we are destined to stagnate and to lose our vision. Our membership is widespread which makes it difficult to take an active role in our club but there are many ways to support from a distance. Each of us has a wealth of knowledge and experience to share via newsletter articles; volunteer to help with catalog advertising; donate to the trophy fund and to our raf-fles; give your time to the events you are able to attend.

If you're like most people, you have attended some of the events and thought you would like to help but feel your lack of knowledge or experience will prevent you from taking on a leadership role. Well, let me put those thoughts to rest. You have an extremely experienced board of directors and each of us is willing to mentor you in any area you are interested in. Interested in learning about chairing a hunt test? Call Susan; an agility trial, talk to John; a specialty show and obedience trial talk to Joanne; Rally has your interest, give Debbie a call; would love to work on the raffle, call Shir! or Rosa. Or, call any of the other board members. We are all expert in some area and we'd love to share. Your board is as close as a phone call or an email away.

Our board meetings are held in Orlando each month and are open to the general membership. Attend a meeting. This is a great way to learn the workings of the club and to prepare to step into a role on the board. Each of us came to be where we are today by volunteering to become an officer or a board member. The current board and MFGRC needs your help. We desperately need new members willing to take on a leadership role, to bring new ideas and new vision to our club. We need your energy and your willingness to learn and to share ideas so that we can remain the dynamic club that we have been in the past.

Give it a try. The degree of satisfaction that comes at the end of the day after a job well done far outweighs the time and effort it takes.

Camille



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From the Editor(s) . . .

Leah and I thought we'd start the New Year with something new. Starting with this month's edition, we will be featuring one of our members in a column called "Meet Our Members." I will be selecting a member and interview them so we can learn a little bit about one another and share ideas about the sport of dogs (especially Golden Retrievers). Be ready to tell us all about yourself, your dogs, your interest (agility, field trials, obedience, conformation, therapy work, or whatever). I look forward to getting to know you and I'm sure the rest of the group will look forward to learning about their fellow members as well.

On a different note, part of my responsibilities is to put together the monthly "Braggs" section, which we are re-naming "Milestones and Accomplishments." I would like to encourage all of you to share things like special birthdays, or about your accomplishments in therapy work and other venues. If you would, please start e-mailing me all of your dog's accomplishments so I can get them in order for the next month's issue. (rdargiejr@cfl.rr.com). We are going to stick to a publishing deadline so we will have to hold fast to a deadline for getting the information in as well. We appreciate your cooperation and all you do to help us make this news-letter an enjoyable and informative read.

Robert Dargie

Co-Editor

Golden Tales



Hi All! I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank Bob for stepping in to help out with the monthly newsletter. He has already had lots of great ideas, and our "Getting to Know Our Members" column would not have come to fruition without his taking the reins and running with them!! I am so appreciative of all of his efforts and he is already doing a fantastic job!

Leah Wright

Co-Editor

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December Board Meeting Minutes

The MFGRC Board Meeting was called to order by Debbie Finch at 8:00 pm. on December 3, 2010 at Camille Doebling's home.

Board Members Present: Camille Doebling, Tom Hell, Joanne Hell, Susan Fulenwider, Judi Volpe, Debbie Finch, Ann Rowe, John Blair, Rosa Blair, Shirl Phillips and Betty Lambert.

Vice President's Report: Shirl Phillips had two applications to read.

Lorene Taylor

Peter & Amanda Orlando

They were voted in unanimously.

Secretary's Report: Judi Volpe did not have anything to report. Betty Lambert moved that the minutes from the last meeting be waived. Susan Fulenwider seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: The Club does not provide income information over the Internet. Tom reported that dues for 2011 are due! Send them to Tom Hell.

Committee Reports:

Hunt Test: Susan Fulenwider reported that this will be on February 12 & 13, 2011. This event should be up on Entry Express by the end of October. Everything is ready to go!

2011 Speciality: Our Specialty will be on February 17, 2011. Things are coming along well. Items are needed for the Raffle and be sure to sign up to help with the trophies!

Old Business:

January General Meeting: This will be held on January 16th at the Hell's. This will be a fun field day.

2011 National: John Blair FOA (got any guesses what that means?) He is still working on checking on the cost it would be to transport our equipment all the way up to Georgia and if there is any equipment closer they can use. They have also contacted Ann Rowe wanting to use our equipment to do the WC/WCX. Ann is checking into what they need.

Eric Strickland Seminar: We are still looking at late July or early August 2011. This will be a handling / grooming seminar. We will be putting on this seminar in conjunction with the Everglades Club. Camille Doebling is still working on the details.

New Webmaster: If you are interested and have computer experience, please let one of the board members know.

Newsletter Editor: We have had a few members offer to help. Debbie Finch is talking to them and work on this.

2012 Eastern Regional: Camille Doebling is working on some of the details as well as the costs. We are looking at October possibly at Turkey Lake.

New Business:

FGCGRC Specialty: John Blair motioned we make a donation of \$100.00. This was seconded by Joanne Hell and passed unanimously.

January Planning Meeting: This will be held on Sunday January 9, 2011 at 1:00 at Camille Doebling's home.

January General Meeting: Will be January 16th at the Hell's for a fun field day.

February General Meeting: Will be held on February 19th after the goldens show. Approx. 12:00.

Historian: We would also love to get a historian to keep track of all the things we do. There are pictures and items from the past that need to be collected and put together.

*The Chair Person of each event will be working on putting together a notebook of all the things they do to put the event on. This way it will be easier for new people coming in to take over and help.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ann Rowe. It was seconded by Shirl Phillips. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

The meeting was called to order by President Debbie Finch at 8:25 P.M. on December 18, 2010 at the MFGRC Christmas Party held at Bob and Ann Rowe's.

Present: Karyn Angel, Carl Migden, Janie Coy, Britta Coy, Ted Crowell, Cindy Crowell, Julie Crowell, Anney Doucette, Debbie Finch, Nancy Green-barg, Kim Hitchcock, Linda Hitchcock, Heidi Miller, Randi Moseler, John Moseler, Jan Paddock, Brad Paddock, Allison Peck, Shirl Phillips, John Phillips, Carol Roetzer, Maura Roxby, Janet Severt, Robin Senderowitz, Kristin Sipus, Deena Strauss, Judi Volpe, Betty Lambert, Camille Doehring, Ann Rowe, Nate Whitney, Susan Wilks, Gary Wilks, Leah Wright, John Wright, Tom Young, Deborah Young, Amber Schoeller, Mary Coffman, Bill Coffman, Susan Fulenwider

Vice President's Report: Shirl Phillips read four names: Margret Martin, Lorine Taylor, Peter & Amanda Orlando, Leslie Cockran. All were voted in unanimously.

Secretary's Report: Judi Volpe had nothing to report. Susan Wilks moved to accept the minutes from the November general meeting. Betty Lambert seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Hell was not at the meeting so there was no report.

Old Business:

Fall Hunt Test : Susan Fulenwider reported that all was going fantastic. As of right now we do not need a third set of Master judges and are hoping we do not need them. We are in need of Marshalls and helpers. The test is February 12 & 13.

2011 Specialty: Caroline Roetzer reported that we have great judges and a nice facility. To help with the trophy donations, contact Sheree Melhuish and if you are able to help with a raffle item, contact Shirl Phillips. Deena Strauss is our Obedience and Rally Chair and she reported that we need volunteers to be stewards. Come on out and help!

New Newsletter Editor: Bob Dargie will be helping Leah with the newsletter.

Eric Strickland Seminar: Camille Doehring reported that this will be in early August. Eric is a master Groomer/Handler and this seminar will be a 2 day seminar from beginning handling and grooming to experienced.

New Business:

DNA testing: Deena Strauss had swabs she was asking the membership to pick up and use on their healthy / cancer free dogs. Everything was included, even the postage paid envelope to send them back in.

2012 EasterN Regional: Camille Doehring reported that we have been looking into putting this on in conjunction with the Everglades Club as well as the Florida Gulf Coast Club. This would include Conformation, Obedience and a WC/WCX. At this time information is being collected.

2011 Slate of Officers:

President: Camille Doehring

Vice President: Debbie Finch

Treasurer: Tom Hell

Secretary: Judi Volpe

Board of Directors: Susan Fulenwider, Betty Lambert, Shirl Phillips, John Blair, Rosa Blair, Ann Rowe, Joanne Hell

Special Award: The GRCA Annual Junior Achievement Award went to Britta Coy. This is a Nation Wide Award given and MFGRC is proud of all the young talent in our club. This is not the first time it has been given to one of our Juniors!!!!

Events: January 9 - Board Planning Meeting

January 16 - January General Meeting at the Hell's

February 12 & 13 - Fall Hunt Test

February 17 - MFGRC Specialty

February 26 - Golden Retriever Rescue Grooming

End of the Year Awards: Lloye Kiernan Award - John Blair and Tom Hell

Rookie of the Year Award - Ted and Cindy Crowell

Movers and Shakers Award - Robin Scott

Mentor of the Year Award - Connie Adams

Above and Beyond Award - Leah and Jon Wright

Member of the Year Award - Britta Coy

Fallchase Owner / Handler Award - Chatham Napoli

Versatility Award - Robin Scott - KnightDrmz Memories of Moonlight

Conformation Dog Award - Maura Roxby & Cindy Metcalf - GCH CH Gemini Fallchase The Butler Did It

Tracking Dog Award - Ron & Luci Seeley - CT Meadowpond All The Rite Stuff, UDX, RA

Field Dog Award - Nancy Greenbarg & Heidi Miller - Cashmere Blue SkyBasin SH

Obedience Dog Award - Connie Adams & Bob Adams - Marathon We Be Jammin at Windsor CDX RE JH WC CCA CGC

Rally Dog Award- Debbie Finch - Lambert's Golden Katie June CD RAE CGC

Agility Dog Award - Robin Scott - Deauxquest It's My Turn to Shine CDX AXJ OA OF CCA

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jan Paddock and seconded by Shirl Phillips. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Thanks Deb!!!!!!



Thank you Debbie Finch for serving as our President these past two years. You did an outstanding job and should be extremely proud of yourself. You were always there with that perpetual smile, upbeat attitude and famous camera! You managed to find time to chat no matter how busy you were, cheered for us when things were going great and commiserating with us when they were not. Thanks for your friendship and leadership.

Connie Adams

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR END OF YEAR AWARD WINNERS !

End of the Year Awards:

- Loyd Kiernan Award - John Blair and Tom Hell**
- Rookie of the Year Award - Ted and Cindy Crowell**
- Movers and Shakers Award - Robin Scott**
- Mentor of the Year Award - Connie Adams**
- Above and Beyond Award - Leah and John Wright**
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WHAT TIME IS IT???

DUES ARE PAST DUE!!!!

**Dues are \$25 per individual or
family membership
and WERE DUE BY 1/1/2011.**

Send your check to:

**Tom Hell
3920 Water Oak Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810**



MFGRC 2011 Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Other Info</u>
Feb. 12-13, 2011	Winter Hunt Test	Golden Oaks Ranch Montverde, FL	Susan Fulenwider, Chair happygolucky@mpinet.net
Thursday, Feb. 17, 2011	MFGRC Specialty	Sun n' Fun Air Park, Lakeland, FL	Caroline Roetzer, Chair ingotgoldens@verizon.net
Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011	MFGRC General Meeting	Sun n' Fun Air Park, Lakeland, FL	After goldens show
Feb. 26, 2011	GRRMF Rescue Reunion	Lake Parker Park, Lakeland, FL	Debbie Finch gaga4goldens@cfl.rr.com
March ?, 2011	TBD		
Apr. 2, 2011	MFGRC Match	Ann Rowe's home Sorrento, Florida	
April ?, 2011	Agility Fun Day + General Meeting	TBD	
April 30 – May 1	MFGRC TD Tracking Test	TG Lee property Orlando	Joyce Swegle, Secretary softwindgr@aol.com
Sat., May 21, 2011	Astatula Fun Day + General Meeting	Stanley Pond Tree Farm Astatula (near Zellwood)	
Saturday, June 04, 2011	AKC Hunt Test Judging Seminar	3920 Water Oak Drive, Lakeland, FL	Susan Fulenwider, Chair happygolucky@mpinet.net
Saturday, June 11, 2011	Grooming tips + General Meeting	At Tom + Joanne Hell's Lakeland, FL	
Sept. 4, 2011	DOCOF	Central FL Fairgrounds, Orlando	Robin Scott, Team Captain fourdogsr@embarqmail.com
Sept. 17-18, 2011	Fall Hunt Test	Golden Oaks Ranch Montverde, FL	Susan Fulenwider, Chair happygolucky@mpinet.net
Sept. 25-Oct. 2, 2011	National Specialty	Conyers, Georgia	www.grca.org
Oct. 15-16, 2011	MFGRC Agility Trial	Turkey Lake Park, Orlando, Florida	John Blair, Chairperson



2011 MFGRC SPECIALTY TROPHY DONATIONS

The Officers and Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to thank the following members & friends of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club for their generous support.

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BRONZE SPONSOR \$25.00-\$49.00

MFGRC SPECIALTY TROPHY DONATIONS

Mid Florida Golden Retriever Club Specialty			
February 17, 2011			
Class	Sponsor- ship Cost	Trophy Description	Donated by
Best of Breed	\$100.00	Kool Koat + Mosaic Golden	Julie Kielts- Questan Golden Retrievers
Best of Opposite	\$75.00	Kool Koat + Beaded Noose	Nancy Sigmon in memory of Dixie Darlin Rise & Shine in the Morning
Best of Winners	\$75.00	Kool Crate Mat	Joanne & Tom Hell – Heavenly Goldens
Winners Dog	\$50.00	Grooming Table Cover	Janet Narushka & Janice Fitzgerald – Shenandoah Goldens
Winners Bitch	\$50.00	Grooming Table Cover	Janet Narushka & Janice Fitzgerald – Shenandoah Goldens
Reserve WD	\$35.00	Ringside Bucket	Loralei Goldens
Reserve WB	\$35.00	Ringside Bucket	Ron & Cynthia Resare
Best Junior Handler	\$75.00	Ringside Bucket + Beaded Noose	Haley Whitcomb – Saffire Goldens
Best Veteran	\$75.00	Kool Crate Mat + Crate Caddy	Jeanette & Bob Young – Spungold Retrievers
Best Opp Veteran	\$50.00	Kool Crate Mat	Camille & Don Doebling – Mischief Goldens in loving memory of Mischief Magik Uptown Girl aka Tessa
1 st Place – 6-9 mos. Dog	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Bob + Susan Dargie - Lealggowden
1 st Place – 9-12 mos. Dog	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Bob + Susan Dargie - Lealggowden
1 st Place - 12-18 mos. Dog	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Bob + Susan Dargie - Lealggowden
1 st Place – 6-9 mos. Bitch	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Bob + Susan Dargie - Lealggowden
1 st Place – 9-12 mos. Bitch	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Bob + Susan Dargie - Lealggowden
1 st Place - 12-18 mos. Bitch	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Bob + Susan Dargie - Lealggowden
1 st Place - Novice Dog	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place - Novice Bitch	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place - Bred By Dog	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Jeanette & Bob Young – Spungold Retrievers
1 st Place - Bred By Bitch	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Jeanette & Bob Young – Spungold Retrievers
1 st Place – Am Bred Dog	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Jerrie Morrison – Omni Goldens
1 st Place – Am Bred Bitch	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Jerrie Morrison – Omni Goldens
1 st Place – Open Dog	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Jerrie Morrison – Omni Goldens
1 st Place – Open Bitch	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Jerrie Morrison – Omni Goldens
1 st Place – Hunting / Retrv Dog	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Sheree Melhuish – Saffire Goldens in honor of Troy who made wearing Camo fashionable

1 st Place – Hunting / Retrv Bitch	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Deborah Farris – Faragold Goldens in honor of Diva
1 st Place – Veteran Dog 7-10 Yrs	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Camille & Don Doebling – Mischief Goldens in honor of Mischief's Inherit the Wind a/k/a Spencer
1 st Place – Veteran Dog 10-12 Yrs	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Pat Kopco + Mike Orloff
1 st Place – Veteran Dog 12 Yrs +	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Pat Kopco + Mike Orloff
1 st Place - Veteran Bitch 7-10 Yrs	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Dave + Liz Waldschmidt – in memory of “Surfurr” Girls Gilligan + Sagan
1 st Place - Veteran Bitch 10-12 Yrs	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Debbie Finch
1 st Place – Veteran Bitch 12 Yrs +	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Dave + Liz Waldschmidt – in honor of “Suitor” – WOOF – 14+ years old!
1 st Place – Stud Dog	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Magik Goldens
1 st Place – Brood Bitch	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Deborah Farris – Faragold Goldens
1 st Place – Novice Jr – JH	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Shirl Phillips + Susan Fulenwider
1 st Place – Novice Sr – JH	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Shirl Phillips + Susan Fulenwider
1 st Place – Open Jr – JH	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Shirl Phillips + Susan Fulenwider
1 st Place – Open Sr – JH	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Shirl Phillips + Susan Fulenwider
1 st Place – Int Jr – JH	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Shirl Phillips + Susan Fulenwider
1 st Place – Int Sr - JH	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Shirl Phillips + Susan Fulenwider
Obedience			
High in Trial	\$100.00	Kool Koat + Slip lead + Crate Caddy	Coffman Law, in memory of Sheila
High Combined	\$100.00	Kool Crate Mat + Slip lead + Crate Caddy	Coffman Law, in memory of Sheila
1 st Place – Obed. Novice A	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place – Obed. Novice B	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Sheilah Platzer in Loving Memory of Charlie Girl & Pilot
1 st Place – Obed. Open A	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place – Obed. Open B	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place – Obed. Utility A	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place – Obed. Utility B	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Connie Adams in Honor of Devlin Adams
1 st Place – Graduate Novice	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place – Graduate Open	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place – Versatility	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place – Veteran Obedience	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Connie Adams in Memory of Becka Adams

Rally			
1 st Place - Rally Novice A	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Debbie Finch in Honor of Katie
1 st Place -Rally Novice B	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place -Rally Ad- vanced A	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Sheila Shreve – Grandbay Goldens
1 st Place -Rally Ad- vanced B	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Sheila Shreve – Grandbay Golden
1 st Place -Rally Excel- lent A	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Debbie Finch in Honor of Lefty
1 st Place -Rally Excel- lent B	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Connie Adams in Honor of Jaymus Adams
Sweepstakes			
Best in Sweeps	\$50.00	Mosaic Golden	Sheree Melhuish – Saffire Goldens in Loving Memory of CH Rivermist Gotta B Haley's UFO CGC BOSS aka Haley's Comet, who was the Perpetual Puppy
Best Opp in Sweeps	\$35.00	Mosaic Golden	
Best Veteran in Sweeps	\$50.00	Mosaic Golden	Magik Goldens
Best Opp Veteran in Sweeps	\$35.00	Mosaic Golden	





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Dear Members,

Obedience & Rally stewards are still needed for our 2011 MFGRC Specialty in Lakeland, FL on Thursday, 2/17/2011.

Please volunteer, we really need help! You can volunteer for a whole day, half day, or just a few hours. If you are entering the specialty, we will work around your schedule.

No experience is necessary, you will learn how to steward.

A big thank you to Geoff Stern of Yankee Golden Retriever Club for helping me!

Thanks in advance,
Deena Strauss,
2011 MFGRC Specialty Obedience Chair and MFGRC Mass Email Wizard
dsgoldens@gmail.com

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Thanks!

Deena

I want to thank everyone for allowing me the privilege to work as your Puppy Referral Representative. Puppy Referral is like a 'Welcome Mat' to all that our club has to offer to prospective new members (puppy buyers). It allows us the opportunity to meet and educate the public while assisting in placing quality, healthy puppies into new homes.

Puppy Referral is a **tool** to help you, as a breeder, find good homes. There are no guarantees that the public will choose to buy a puppy from you simply because you list a litter on our club's website. In other words, it is not the club's responsibility to place a breeder's puppies. There have been questions recently regarding the way litters are listed, the length of time a litter is listed, etc. I would like to clear up a couple of those questions.

#1) When people call me I DO NOT send them to a particular breeder or listing. Instead, I refer them to the website so that they can obtain the information for all of the litters listed at the time. If I have new litter information not yet up on the website, I will give that information to them as well.

#2) Our webmaster places the listings as they come in. They are not listed in any particular order (i.e., date of birth, alphabetically, location, etc) Most puppy buyers look for puppies 'closest to home' first; how they are listed is of little importance.

#3) The club has set a listing time limit of four months from date of birth. However, if a litter has been previously listed, a breeder has a puppy returned for any reason, that puppy is put back on referral at no charge. It may appear that the 'litter' has been listed for an extended period of time.

Over the past several months it became very clear that we needed to address some issues concerning the Puppy Referral program. As a result, our board has decided to make the following listing requirements:

**New Puppy Referral Requirements
for
Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club**

- Must be a regular member in good standing during the previous 12 months
- Puppy referral listing will be limited to 4 months after litter whelp date
- Fee Schedule:
 - If member has attended 2 general club meetings and worked at 1 MFGRC sponsored event during the previous 12 months the fee is \$25.00*
 - If member has not attended 2 general club meetings and has not worked at 1 MFGRC sponsored event during the previous 12 months the fee is \$250.00

*It is the responsibility of the club member to notify the club secretary and the event chairperson to receive credit for these requirements.

Examples of MFGRC sponsored events that qualify for puppy referral:

Winter Hunt Test
 Golden Retriever Rescue Grooming Day
 Spring Match
 Heart and Eye Clinic
 Annual Specialty
 Tracking Test
 Fall Hunt Test
 Agility Trial
 CCA
 WC/WCX
 Participation on club sponsored teams (DACOF/DOCOF)

Submitted by: Deb Farris, Puppy Referral Coordinator

The Whelping Box



Offered as a service in conjunction with MFGRC's puppy referral. Health clearances and \$25 must be submitted to the puppy referral coordinator.

DEB FARRIS

faragold@yahoo.com

727-544-9376

Tom/Debbie Young (Pinellas Park) 727-742-8562 wedlv95@aol.com
Saffire's Blackmail x Honeykyst Southern Belle
Due 10/23/10

Dee Dee Davis (Indian Harbor Beach) 321-288-5591 deedavissbre@aol.com
SHR Amberlake's Freemark Chardonnay RN JH CD CCA CGC X AmInt CH Magik Southern's Captain Jack RN
5 males & 5 females

John/Rosa Blair (Satellite Beach) 321-773-3476 jazziesgold@bellsouth.net
CH AG-Golden Age Porto Alegre X Snowshoe Jazzie's Spice of Life
8 boys and 2 girls, Born 12/28/10

Richard/Candi Pearce (Cocoa) 321-634-5886 Pearcetex@aol.com
Ch. Col. Am. Ch. Ag-Golden Age Porto Alegre x Int. CH Gemini's Furst Light
Born 12/13/10 4M/5F

Debbie Caudill (Ocala) 352-288-0685 rdc21@embarqmail.com
MBIS,MBISS,GCH,CH. My Buddy's Boppity Bop Blue Moon RN, WC, VC, CGC, SDHF x Snobird' In Hot Pursuit
Due 1/12/11

Nancy Sigmon (Tarpon Springs) 727-938-4271 longlost22@yahoo.com
Ch. Col. Am. Ch. Ag-Golden Age Porto Alegre and Magiks Golden Goose on the Luce, CGC
Puppies due 1/27/11

Jerrie Morrison (Sarasota) 941-650-4214 omnigolden@aol.com
Am/Int CH Magik Southern's Captain Jack RN X Omni's Jet Set
Litter Due 1/24/11

Michelle Whitney (Largo) 727-515-6184 727-596-6426 twhit72069@aol.com
CH AG-Golden Age Porto Alegre x Hillock's All The Way May JC WC
"Dazzle" born 7/05/2010 6 mos

Other litters will become available soon. Puppies can go to their new homes after 8 weeks of age. If you have questions regarding purchasing a Golden Retriever, please contact our Puppy Referral Coordinator, Deb Farris at E-Mail: Faragold@yahoo.com.

MEET OUR MEMBERS

Editor's Note: Cindi Metcalf along with her twin sister Candi Pearce operate Gemini Golden Retrievers in Rockledge, Florida. They have been long time members of MFGRC and have been very successful in their breeding program. We have asked Cindi to be our first ever participant in our "Meet Our Members" column and thank her for her time in preparing her answers.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN INVOLVED WITH GOLDEN RETRIEVERS?

There has never been a time in my life that I didn't have dogs in it. When I was three or four I remember my dad taking me with him to Schutzhund training, we lived in Germany at the time. They would send the dogs after a man that came out of the woods, he was padded head to toe. The dog was sent to attack the man then told to release, they would walk the dog back to the starting point, the man would go back into the woods and they'd do it again. Well dad's dog looked over his shoulder and saw that the man went into the woods so the next time it was his turn he didn't wait for the man to come out, he just took off, straight into the woods. I remember the man staggered out of the woods with the dog attached to his arm. I heard them say that dad's dog had done it wrong, but in my mind all I could think was, "Wow, dogs are smart". That did it, I was hooked for life, on dogs and training them.

My mom bred dogs, 40 years ago she didn't do it the right way, doing clearances, checking lineages, etc., but she always bred purebreds. I remember her waking us up in the middle of the night, saying it's time. And we'd get up and whelp puppies. When we got older mom let us have our own dogs, and even though dad always said, No More Dogs, Candi got an Afghan hound. I still remember all the brushing she did, so I promptly got a Doberman. Mom would drive us down to Eau Gallie Causeway to training class with our dogs and when we got old enough to move out they came with us. I've been lucky enough to have had two incredible Dobermans in my life.

WHEN AND HOW DID GEMINI GOLDENS GET STARTED?

In 1998 Candi took me with her to my first dog show, I was hooked immediately! They were showing Houston at that time. When Candi had her first litter she gave me the love of my life, Dallas. I have to say a huge THANK YOU to Candi for getting me started on this wonderful breed, I will never have any other. Candi and Dick lived in Houston at that time and I was already back in Florida. Talking on the phone alot we decided to show and breed goldens and name our kennel name, "Gemini" for the twins since that's what we are.

WHAT GOES INTO YOUR DECISION MAKING PROCESS WHEN YOU ARE DETERMINING WHICH SIRE AND DAM YOU WILL MATE TOGETHER?

For me breeding came down to alot of reading, going to seminars, just plain alot of learning what makes the correct structure and being able to recognize what my dog needed to be better. Then comes finding it, that's the hard part. I'm at every dog show looking for whatever my girls need, and it's not always the same. And then of course you do find it but the dogs lineage doesn't match up well with mine, or the clearances aren't what I really want. So I keep on looking.

IF YOU COULD CHANGE ANYTHING IN THE SPORT OF DOGS, WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE?

This last question is the hardest because what I would change in the sport of dogs can't really be changed. I've thought about it for years and come to the conclusion that I'll just have to live with it and keep trying to breed a better dog. You can't keep a good dog down all the time.



Dallas (Ch Gemini's Lone Star Belle, CD, MX, MXJ, OD, BISS)



Dallas's First Litter

MFGRC FUN FIELD DAY

January 19, 2011



FAQs Regarding the Proposed Code of Ethics Amendments

Below is an FAQ article, prepared by the GRCA Health & Genetics Committee, on the proposed amendments to the Code of Ethics in regard to eyes. This article will appear in the January/February 2011 issue of the Golden Retriever News.

From the GRCA Health & Genetics Committee...

FAQs Regarding the Proposed Code of Ethics Amendments

Q: Can you summarize exactly what breeders will need to do differently under the new COE, and why?

A: Put very simply, the new COE asks breeders to do two new things: 1) lifetime eye examinations of any dog that has been bred, and 2) record the results from clear dogs in an on-line database (usually CERF).

These changes have been suggested to give breeders the tools necessary to help them make the best breeding decisions possible to reduce the likelihood of producing pigmentary uveitis, a disease that usually presents significant quality of life issues for both the dog and its owner. Because the average age of onset of pigmentary uveitis is about 8.5 years of age – and sometimes much older – the eye status of senior dogs that may appear several generations back in a pedigree is extremely relevant to current breeding decisions. In fact, in many or most cases, pigmentary uveitis status on these older ancestors may be even more important than it is on a younger sire and dam of a potential breeding. Those lifetime eye exams from breeding dogs provide critical data to help protect future generations. Online databases are the best way to ensure that the information is freely available to all parties. None of us are immortal, and the eye examination findings then remain available even if the breeder ceases to be active in the fancy, moves, gets divorced, or enters a witness protection program!

Q: Why does the new wording say “must” instead of “should” like the wording of the other clearances?

A: Oops...we're very sorry. That was unintentional, a mistake borne of a sense of urgency to help avoid suffering in our breed, and it has caused a great deal of understandable concern among GRCA members. Thank you to all who brought this to our attention, and we will correct this. The basic philosophy behind the GRCA COE has always been to offer guidelines to protect and advance the breed, and that reputable breeders will take pride in following. It was never intended to be punitive or coercive in nature, and this has not changed. The COE sets the standard of excellence, and provides a basis for a common understanding of what is generally expected from a quality caretaker of the breed. Breeding practices outside of the COE would provide reason for others to ask legitimate questions, and perhaps form judgments about whether one wishes to engage with breeders who don't follow the recommendations. It is appropriate for breeders to apply this kind of strong peer pressure to encourage each other to follow the COE as closely as possible, although this still allows for a certain amount of flexibility and freedom of choice in individual circumstances.

Q: What if I want to breed to a foreign dog with clearances by a foreign registry instead of CERF?

A: Breeders using foreign dogs should have the dog's eye clearance entered into the OFA database so that the information is readily available in an on-line searchable public database as stated below. In fact, we encourage entering all of the dog's health clearances into the OFA database so that they will be easily accessible to US breeders and buyers. We will provide more detailed information about how to make these submissions as soon as we have that available. From the proposed new COE: "In addition to issuing its own certifications and entering them into their online database, OFA will also

enter into its database examination reports and certifications from other registries. This provides a searchable public database for owners who use other registries or who want to record abnormal eye examination findings."

Q: What about using frozen semen from dogs that died prior to the new COE? What if their eye clearances were not CERFed, or if the last examination was more than 18 months prior to death?

A: As with any change to the COE, deceased dogs would be expected to meet guidelines that were in effect at the time of their death in order to be in compliance for the purposes of frozen semen. For example, dogs that passed away prior to adding elbow clearances to the COE would still be in compliance even though they do not have elbow clearances. So with regard to eye clearances, since the COE has long required eye clearances to be within 12 months of a breeding, the expectation would be that the dog had an eye clearance that was within 12 months of his last breeding while he was alive. The proposed COE change actually extends this out to 18 months, to allow for the fact that sometimes older dogs are unable to go to a CERF clinic during a final illness. Fortunately, CERF will accept eye clearances that are long out of date for certification, so in cases in which the owner did not send in the examination form in the past, these can actually still be CERFed so that they become part of the public record. If for any reason the original eye examination form is not available to send to CERF, frozen semen from such dogs could still be used because this new addition to the COE was not in effect while the dog was alive. The intention of the proposed changes to the COE is to assist breeders in obtaining information necessary to making good breeding decisions, but we certainly do not intend to penalize anyone for their inability to predict the future!

Q: Many breeders place their retired breeding dogs with pet families, and do not have complete control to be certain that there are lifelong eye examinations. How would this be handled under the new COE?

A: We hope that breeders will try their best to explain to the new owner why continued yearly eye examinations are important to the breed. And since early diagnosis and treatment of pigmentary uveitis may also improve the dog's prognosis for maintaining vision and comfort, this can also be good motivation for the new owner to comply with yearly exams. In addition, breeders can try to make it as easy as possible for the new owner by informing him/her of upcoming CERF clinics. However, once the GRCA member no longer owns the dog, the status of the dog's eye examinations is not technically addressed by the COE because the COE only applies to dogs owned by members. Of course, the spirit of the COE would urge the former owner/GRCA member to make every effort to help the breed by providing this eye examination data if at all possible.

Q: Is there really enough known about pigmentary uveitis to support these changes? Maybe we should just wait until a DNA test is developed.

A: The proposed amendments follow more than a decade of research and reports on pigmentary uveitis, and are firmly grounded in good science. You can find one of the articles that the Health & Genetics Committee wrote about pigmentary uveitis online in the health section of the GRCA website at <http://www.grca.org/health/uveitis1.html> (<http://www.grca.org/health/uveitis1.html>) and an update was recently published in GRNews and is online at <http://grca.org/health/uveitis.html> (<http://grca.org/health/uveitis.html>). Both articles were reviewed and approved before publication by Dr Wendy Townsend, a veterinary ophthalmologist and pigmentary uveitis researcher.

We are very fortunate that pigmentary uveitis has been the subject of 3 scientific peer-reviewed publications in the leading US publication of veterinary ophthalmologists, *Veterinary Ophthalmology*. Abstracts from these studies are available online at:

A histopathological study of iridociliary cysts and glaucoma in Golden Retrievers
[_http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/11397224_](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/11397224)
[http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/11397224\)](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/11397224)

Golden Retriever uveitis: 75 cases (1994-1999) [_http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/11397310_](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/11397310)
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The histopathological and immunohistochemical characteristics of pigmentary and cystic glaucoma in the Golden Retriever. [_http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/19883466_](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/19883466)(<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/19883466>)

While researchers are working diligently to try to identify the gene that causes pigmentary uveitis so that a DNA test can be developed, no one can predict the pace and the luck of this science. There are many reasons to be hopeful, especially because so many owners and breeders have responded to requests for DNA samples and pedigrees from affected dogs and their close relatives, but we cannot be certain of a time frame when a DNA test will be available. But while we wait for a DNA test, dogs are developing pigmentary uveitis today, and some of those dogs will progress to glaucoma, blindness, and pain, which can even necessitate removal of the eye(s). While dogs often adjust well to blindness, clearly we would prefer to preserve their comfort and vision. Continuing eye examinations throughout a dog's life is an important safeguard because early diagnosis prior to the onset of symptoms provides the greatest likelihood that treatment may preserve vision and avoid the pain of glaucoma. In addition, entering that eye examination data into a searchable database empowers breeders to find and consider pedigrees in which the dogs have a lifetime of healthy eyes when making breeding choices, thereby improving the chances that future puppies will have healthy eyes throughout their lives.

Q: Some ophthalmologists say that it's not necessary to examine Goldens over the age of 8 years. Why is the COE making a different recommendation than these ophthalmologists?

A: Ophthalmologists who practice in areas of the country in which pigmentary uveitis is uncommon may not have this disease prominently on their radar screen. In addition, since there is very little published data regarding the efficacy of early diagnosis and treatment, they may not be aware of the successes that other ophthalmologists have reported with early intervention (prior to clinical signs) to reduce progression of the disease. And finally, just as the Health & Genetics Committee cannot make diagnostic or treatment recommendations for individual dogs, veterinary ophthalmologists typically do not make breeding/screening recommendations intended to impact the breed as a whole. The amended COE reflects a commitment by Golden Retriever breeders to work together to decrease the prevalence of pigmentary uveitis in the breed.

Q: Why all the focus only on pigmentary uveitis? There are other issues in the COE that should also be addressed.

A: We agree that there are a number of other changes that are worth considering, and we anticipate even more issues to address as more and more DNA tests become available. The proposed changes were intended to respond to an immediate need to reduce the spread of a disease which has a significant impact on quality of life for both the dog and the owner. Even dealing with just this one issue has been a process that, when complete, will have taken approximately 10 months – imagine how much longer it would have taken to write and enact a more complete revision! Thus, the focus of this revision was narrowed in an attempt to get these tools in the hands of breeders as quickly as possible, and we hope to consider more changes in the future. Thank you to all who submitted the questions and provided the feedback that we used to prepare these FAQs!

The GRCA Board of Directors is requesting member comments on the proposal, which will also appear in the January/February issue of the Golden Retriever News. Send your comments to Bev Brown, Western VP, at the following email address by March 31, 2011: [_LochinvarStudio@aol.com_](mailto:_LochinvarStudio@aol.com)
(<mailto:LochinvarStudio@aol.com>) Please include your full name.

* * PERMISSION TO CROSSPOST * *

Major veterinary cancer study of Golden Retriever dogs unveiled by Morris Animal Foundation

Jan 16, 2011

DVM NEWSMAGAZINE

Orlando -- The Morris Animal Foundation will launch a 13-year longitudinal veterinary study this year to examine canine cancer in Golden Retrievers. In fact, the Canine Lifetime Health Project, set to begin this year, will ultimately enroll some 2,500 Golden Retrievers from ages 2 to 7 in an effort to better understand the genetic, nutritional and environmental risk factors for cancers and other canine diseases. The project, first announced at the North American Veterinary Conference, is thought to be the largest and longest observational study ever initiated in dogs, reports Wayne A. Jensen, DVM, PhD, MBA, chief scientific officer of Morris Animal Foundation (MAF). It is receiving wide-scale industry support including Platinum sponsorship from Hill's Pet Nutrition, a \$2 million from Pfizer Animal Health and commitments from Merial and other animal health companies.

The study's objective, Jensen says, will be to determine "the true incidence of canine cancer in Golden Retrievers in the United States. The long-range study offers researchers a chance to characterize the pathogenesis and explore other associations with the development of cancer and other diseases, he adds. "The Canine Lifetime Health Project is a groundbreaking, long-term effort to identify genetic, nutritional and environmental risk factors for the development of cancer and other canine diseases," MAF reports. "This study will involve thousands of dogs, owners and veterinarians and will result in the identification of new ways to diagnose, treat and even prevent cancer and other diseases in dogs."

The hope, according to MAF officials, is that the study will also serve as a platform to help researchers better understand the progression of disease and offer a novel framework to conducting long-term research like this.

David Haworth, DVM, PhD, director of Global Alliances for Pfizer Animal Health, says the company's contributions underscore its commitment to veterinarians.

"We expect to gain valuable information regarding prevention strategies, early diagnosis and, eventually, treatments for many diseases."

For registration information, go to: <http://www.morrisanimalfoundation.org/our-research/major-health-campaigns/clhp.html>

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Forwarded here by J B Reed, please suggest this study to those you know with Golden Retrievers.



MFGRC HUNT TEST

February 12-13, 2011

Place: Montverde - Gey's Golden Oaks Ranch
Hunting Test for Retrievers, Irish Water Spaniels and
Standard Poodles

Closing Date: January 27, 2011

This is our Ninth Annual Winter Hunt Test. If you have never watched a Hunt Test, c'mon out and watch our dogs run!!!

Entries will be taken on Entry Express at www.entryexpress.net
The Premium List is on our website under Coming Events/Feb.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED: Please contact Susan Fulenwider at happygolucky@mpinet.net.

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CAROL METT



GRRMF RESCUE REUNION GROOMING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saturday, February 26, 2011

Lake Parker Park, Lakeland, Florida

Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida will be holding it's annual reunion on Saturday, February 26, 2011 at Lake Parker Park in Lakeland, Florida. Each year, our Club volunteers to provide some basic grooming to these rescued goldens for a donation to GRRMF. Our Club matches whatever money is donated.

Volunteers are needed to help out with some basic grooming of feet and ears. It is lots of fun and a good way to spend time with other Club members, doing something for a great cause. Come on out any time after 8:30 a.m., and lend us your grooming skills!!

LUNCH is being catered by Sonny's Barbecue and is provided **FREE** to all MFGRC members who assist with grooming!

**Lake Parker Park
910 E Granada Street
Lakeland, Florida
(863) 499-2233**



Lake Parker Park is located on Lake Parker. It is 100.5 acres of native Florida vegetation with lake access and hiking trails. The park is accessible from Robson Road and Granada Road off of Lakeland Hills Boulevard. Lake Parker is used by nature enthusiasts for bird watching and families of all ages. For more information, call the number above or visit www.lakelandgov.net/parkrec/parks/LakeParkerPark.html. This is the same location as last year, mid-way between Orlando and Tampa.

FROM TAMPA:

Take I-4 East from Tampa to Lakeland Exit #33 (State Road 33). The exit will be from the right hand lane. Take the off ramp to the stop light/ yield sign. Turn right onto State Road 33. From this yield sign, travel South on State Road 33 (Lakeland Hills Boulevard). Move into the left hand lane, traveling South for 1.5 miles to Robson Street. Turn left onto E. Robson Street. Landmarks for Robson Street: All Children's Specialty Care, Railroad Industrial Federal Credit Union, Lakeland Animal Clinic, bus parking for Bloodnet USA. Proceed to signs marking the entrance to Lake Parker Park on the left. Lake Parker Park Gate #4.

FROM ORLANDO:

Take I-4 West from Orlando to Lakeland Exit #33 (State Road 33). The exit will be from the right hand lane. Take the off ramp to the stop light. This intersection is Socrum Loop Road. Turn left onto Socrum Loop Road. Move into the right hand lane. Travel in the right lane underneath I-4. There will be a yield sign as you merge into traffic on State Road 33. Travel South in the left hand lane for 1.3 miles once you get onto State Road 33. Turn left onto E. Robson Street. Landmarks for Robson Street: All Children's Specialty Care, Lakeland Animal Clinic, Railroad Industrial Federal Credit Union, bus parking for Bloodnet USA. Proceed to signs marking the entrance to Lake Parker Park on the left. Lake Parker Park Gate #4.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Debbie Finch at gaga4goldens@cfl.rr.com



Area Motels: Ramada Inn, 3260 US Hwy. 98 Lakeland, Florida-863-680-8080 Motel 6, 3120 US Hwy 98, Lakeland, Florida-863-682-0643

**AN AKC HUNT TEST RETRIEVER SEMINAR FOR JUDGES
AND HANDLERS
HOSTED BY:**

**Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club
386-775-8985**

**Location: 3910 Water Oak Drive, Lakeland, FL - Next to Tom & Joanne Hell's House
SATURDAY, June 4th, 2011**

The program will be presented utilizing multimedia demonstrations, lecture and group discussions. The seminar will cover subjects such as:

- The purpose of Hunting Tests
- Performance standard for Junior, Senior, and Master
- Hunting Test scoring
- The guidelines for Judges of Hunting Tests
- How to apply and conduct a Hunting Test
- The responsibility of the key personnel involved
- Gun Safety
- How to handle misconduct

SCHEDULE:

Registration	9:00 AM - 9:30 AM
Classroom	9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Lunch	12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
Classroom	1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE AND FEE:

Registration is \$25 per person. Lunch \$7 extra. Please enroll by MAY 26TH, 2011 Registration forms and fees should be sent to:

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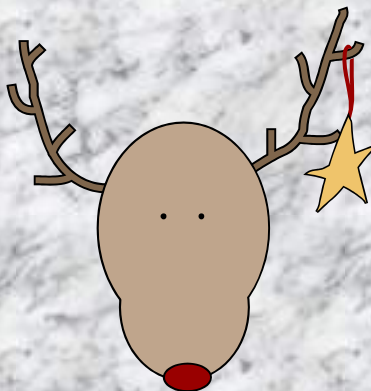
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Coralee Leon's Ren and Bertie enjoyed a white Christmas in Maryland with their two springer spaniel cousins



Reindeer Antlers

You will need:

- 2 cups pretzel sticks
- 2 cups pretzel twists
- 2 cups "party" peanuts
- 2 cups M&M peanut candies (a 19 oz. bag = approx. 3 cups)
- 1 pound white chocolate almond bark (available at Wal-Mart)

Lay out a long sheet of wax paper on a countertop or extra large cookie sheet.

Mix the pretzels, peanuts, and M&M's in a large bowl. Set aside.

In a microwaveable bowl, break the white chocolate into individual squares. Melt the chocolate in the microwave, starting the timer at 2 minutes, and continuing in 30 second increments. You can stir the chocolate until it is completely smooth to finish melting the last square.

Pour melted chocolate over the pretzel-nut mixture, and stir well to combine.

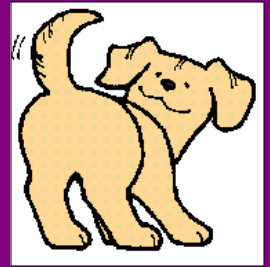
Once pretzels and nuts are thoroughly coated, pour out onto the wax paper, and then spread to make the mixture thinner, like bark.

Allow the chocolate - pretzel "reindeer antlers" to set up for at least 30 minutes. If it's cold outside, and you're using a cookie sheet, you can set that outside for a few minutes.

Store in airtight container.

Milestones & Accomplishments

FIELD DOG OF THE YEAR AWARD goes to >>>>>>>> CASHMERE BLUE SKY BASIN SH aka JUICY Achieved not only her JH this year but her SH as well. This was accomplished all before the tender age of 19 months. JUICY is from our first breeding and was owner handled! JUICY is now taking a break for the show ring but will return to pursue her MH. We are very proud owners Nancy Greenbarg and Heidi Miller



Connie Adams is so happy to report that my boy JAYMUS (Marathon We Be Jammin At Windsor, CDX, RE, JH, WC, CCA, CGC) received the MFGRC's **Obedience Dog Of The Year 2010 Award**. What a thrill to receive this on such a young dog. On top of that Connie was awarded the **Mentor of The Year Award** and says, "It nearly blew me away when Janie called to tell me this. Thanks to all who made this decision. I am truly honored."

Becky Nicholas is very proud to report: "At the NADAC Agility trial in Valrico last weekend (1-8/9th-2011) Camden had a great trial! He Q'd in 8 out of his 9 runs!!! He also completed two titles (Outstanding Touch n Go and Open Hoopers). GOOD BOY Camden!!!"

Ann Rowe is very excited to report that Omni Magik's Going for the Gold (Marley) took a 4 point major in Brooksville on Sunday, January 19, 2011.



Juicy showing us those FIELD DOG OF THE YEAR skills!!!

THE DOG ATE WHAT???

From the page a day calendar at the end of December.....

From the case histories of national pet insurance company Pet Partners Inc....this is a list of household items scarfed down by dogs, and what it cost to remove them:

Doll's head	\$1,014
Glove	\$1,138
Lobster tail	\$1,309
Corncob	\$1,915
Threaded needle	\$2,328
Dental floss	\$3,589
Kitchen towel	\$3,738



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