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Letter from the President

Your club has been growing, and many have not been looking! Not only have we finalized our second annual specialty in conjunction with the Virginia Kennel Club on June 22, but we have also undertaken other activities hopefully of interest to our members who do not show dogs. We have added nine new members to our roster: Janet Mauldin, Cynthia Powers, Pam & Sandy Rowe, Bill & Betsy Schrage, Gilbert & Mary Anne Teal, and Kathy Nixon-Turner. Mary Anne Teal has graciously agreed to take over the newsletter; this is her first issue. Many thanks to her for taking on this responsibility.

Despite all these positive developments, many of our members have not been attending meetings. This may be due to the location, the lack of programs at meetings or any number of other conditions. If we are to continue to expand, we need everyone to participate! Please let me know what we can do to increase your interest and assure your participation.

Anne Reea

Puppy Protection Act Goes to Committee—Still Time to Act!!

As reported earlier, a Conference Committee representing both the Senate and House of Representatives will be convened to work out the differences in the respective versions of the Farm Bill. The Senate Farm Bill S.1731 contains the "Santorum Amendment," i.e. the Puppy Protection Act DIFFERING from the original S. 1478, and the House Farm Bill does not contain the PPA. We now have a list of anticipated conferees—subject to change—but a starting point for lobbying to REMOVE the Santorum PPA Amendment IN ITS ENTIRETY. The list will

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Next Meeting Tuesday, March 19th

General Membership Meeting begins at 7:30, and will be held at the Manakin Fire House (directions elsewhere in this issue. Topics of discussion will include:

- Regular Agenda
- Specialty Update
- Logo Simplification for trophies
- Tracking Workshop Update

**Hope to see you
there!**

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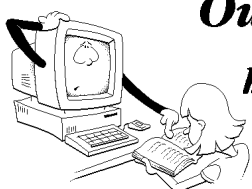
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General Membership Meeting Minutes

Submitted by
Mary Ann Massie

January 2002

Minutes from the January 22, 2002 meeting of the Dachshund Fanciers of Central Virginia. The meeting was held at the Manakin Fire House. Attending were Ann and Stanley Reed, M.A. Massie, Pam Joslin, Karen Gray, Barbara Friedman, Sherry Sackett, Phyllis Grilli, Kitty Johnson, and MaryAnne and Gil Teal. The October minutes were approved as written. (Remember we did not hold a November meeting, and the December gathering was a party at Kitty Johnson's home). The Board met from 7 to 7:30 – there was a short discussion that members without email access where not receiving timely notice of meetings in hard copy form. Mary Ann reported that notices had been mailed but an improved effort would be put forth for notices. (Jan 24 email; Jan 25 hard copies mailed for Feb., March, and April meeting date notices) A discussion of amending Specialty application for

SWEEPSTAKES classes was discussed, as was a judge. A judge for VKC Specialty 2004 was also discussed-members are welcome to provide suggestions. Sherry S. recommended Ann Rogers Clark. It was thought that VKC has chosen the dachshund judge(s) for 2003- Mary Ann to follow up. Theme for trophies was decided with committee established for 2002. The general membership meeting began at 7:30 with Old Business (approving October minutes) Additionally there was discussion on whether we have received a check from VKC for entries at the 2001 Specialty. Mary Ann to follow up. New Business: 2002 Specialty in conjunction with VKC – Saturday June 22 with judge Gwen Wexler. We have received VKC and AKC approval, no word from DCA-Mary Ann to follow up. There is interest in amending our applications to DCA and AKC to include SWEEPSTAKES classes – Mary Ann to follow up on

ability to amend. Discussion followed on judge selection- Sherry Sackett recommended Barbara Friedman and members agreed pending contact with DCA/AKC regarding any minimum requirements that may exist for this assignment. Mary Ann to report back. Alternative for consideration Denise Siemssen. Trophies were discussed – it was determined that we would work with Embroidery King for trophy selection. Mary Ann to contact Pam Rowe and Betsy Schrage, Pam Joslin also volunteered. Trophy fund contribution letters will be mailed. Betty Saady to handle mailing and money collection. It was determined that three letters will be developed, Mary Ann and Phyllis to develop drafts for Betty's review. One letter will be sent to 2001 contributors, one letter to 2001 trophy winners, and another letter to individuals known to have supported other regional specialties. Non Specialty news: Two membership applications were reviewed and approved.

Welcome to Bill and Betsy Schrage, and MaryAnne and Gil Teal. Additionally Phyllis Grilli resigned from newsletter editor duties and MaryAnne Teal volunteered to be newsletter editor. Mary Ann reported that the tracking workshop originally scheduled for Jan 5 will be held on March 9. Ten "teams" signed up for January and they will have first refusal on the March date. There was a brief discussion on search and rescue activities. Notice of Richmond Dog Obedience Clubs AKC Sanctioned Tracking Trial was given – Feb 10 in Louisa. Contact Mary Ann if you are interested in attending. The Dachshund Club of NJ announcement for Field Trial and Earthdog judging seminars was read. The dates are March 16 and 17. Contact Carrie Hamilton for details (610) 285-2469 or <mailto:Hamiltce@apci.com> Hamiltce@apci.com The meeting was adjourned at 8:30. Minutes approved Feb. 19, 2002.

Puppy Protection Act Update (*continued...*)

be updated as new information is available. Although there are not many VA legislators among the anticipated conferees, it is still worth contacting them to let them know they should persuade their colleagues to reject this amendment in conference. ***Sen. John Warner is listed as a co-sponsor of this legislation!***

POINTS TO MAKE:

- The 3-strikes mandatory revocation provision does not belong in an administrative hearing and licensing process. Experience in the criminal justice system shows that this overly simplistic concept wastes resources in extra litigation and unjust punishment. Licensed dog breeder are engaged in a legal business, not a crime. If dog breeders are engaged in crime, they should be prosecuted for a crime rather than subject to an administrative lynching.
- The Santorum Amendment does not address the real "puppy mill" – unlicensed bootleg dog breeders, but squanders agency resources on developing untried mandates for legal licensees.
- No hearings have been held to establish the need for the PPA, to allow legislators to receive testimony and question witnesses in a public forum. Rather, the public record contains only self-serving, undocumented material supplied by the proponents. This is far too important to be buried in complex legislation about government involvement in farming.

THE SANTORUM AMENDMENT SHOULD BE REMOVED IN ITS ENTIRETY FROM THE FARM BILL. THIS IS NOT THE FORUM FOR OTHER CHANGES TO THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT, SO PLEASE FOCUS ON THE BASIC POINTS OF THE PPA.

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PPA UPDATE (continued...)

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“Healing Therapy” an excerpt from a new book called Living With a Dachshund by Sheila Shuker

Submitted by and featuring member Kitty Johnson & her dog Anna

Kitty Johnson has been taking Anna, her Standard Smooth, on therapy dog visits for nearly two years—an arrangement that suits all involved, especially food-obsessed Anna!

“I have been owned by Dachshunds since I was six years old, but when I got Anna (Anna Fantasia) four years ago, it had been a long time since I had a puppy,” explains Kitty, from Richmond, Virginia. “Because I wanted a well-behaved dog that I could take traveling to hotels with me, and because Dachshunds are renowned for their stubbornness, we enrolled Anna at a nearby Obedience club, where she trained for the AKC’s Canine Good Citizenship test.”

“When she passed that course, she was eligible to

take the Therapy Dog International test, which is a temperament test for therapy work.

“Anna passed that test, at the age of 18 months, and I then decided it would be nice to visit people in hospitals and other establishments, who miss their dogs and might like a visit to cheer them up.”

“I have a rehabilitation hospital two blocks from me and decided that it would be a convenient place to visit. Because it was close, I knew it would be easy to keep visiting once I got started. We have been visiting twice a week for nearly two years now, but Anna has been on maternity leave recently, with a litter of puppies.

“Anna is ideal for therapy dog work. She is small (18 lbs/8 kgs), so fits easily on

people’s laps or on their beds. Since she has a smooth coat, she is easy to keep clean and doesn’t affect people who have allergies. Her temperament is very outgoing, so she makes friends with ease.”

“Visitors are often surprised to see a dog in a hospital setting. I always ask if they like dogs before approaching a person. But since Anna is small and so cute, people rarely refuse to see her and most patients are delighted to meet her. Dog owners get particularly excited when they see Anna and will talk about dogs they have owned.”

“Most patients are in the rehabilitation hospital because of an accident or long-term illness that affects their mobility. They spend six hours a

day doing therapy so they can go home. If they can’t complete the course, most of them will end up in long term care, so they try very hard and can become depressed if they do not make progress. Anna cheers them up and makes life a little more fun.”

“Many times, I come in during the afternoon therapy sessions when the therapists use Anna to encourage a patient to complete a series of exercises. The pay-off is time with Anna!”

“Anna enjoys her visits enormously—all Dachshunds love food and the patients give Anna treats that I take with me. But she also likes the excitement of all the different sights, sounds, smells, and new people.”

Brag & Gripes

“Barney,” owned by Phyllis Grilli, earned his AKC Canine Good Citizenship Award on Saturday, February 9th, 2002. Barney was expertly handled by Betty Saady. Phyllis, the still proud and surprised owner, wishes to thank Betty for her wonderful skills & dog whispering talents.

“Maggie,” CH Melwyn Little Miss Magic (owned by MaryAnne & Gil Teal & Melissa Wynings) was BOV at the Camden County Kennel Club Show on Jan. 19, 2002.

Submit your own brags to the Newsletter Editor. Please give \$1 to the Treasurer for each Brag submitted.



We Need Your Help!

The DFCV Specialty Trophy Committee needs your help. Our current logo is too dark and detailed for clear reproduction on current and future trophies. What ideas do YOU have for simplifying the logo? All suggestions are WELCOMED!! Present your ideas at the March 19 Meeting at the Manakin Fire House. We will vote on ideas and instruct the committee to move forward at that time. Come with your clear, simple sketches/artwork to share! WE NEED YOU!!

Pregnancy & Whelping Timeline

	Development of the Puppies	Changes in the Bitch	Care of the Bitch	To Do List
Week 1 (Days 1-7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fertilization occurs • 2 cell embryos are in the oviduct • Embryo is fairly resistant to external interference in development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible morning sickness • Possible personality changes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normal feeding • Check any and all medications with vet prior to administering • No insecticides (i.e., flea treatments) • No live vaccines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put together pedigree on litter • Write contract • Contact AKC for litter registration application • Start taking puppy reservations
Week 2 (Days 8-14)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embryo will be 4 cell at start of week and 64 cell by end of week • Embryo enters the uterus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible morning sickness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue as in Week 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing special to do this week
Week 3 (Days 15-21)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day 19—Implantation of embryos in uterus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing special to do this week
Week 4 (Days 22-28)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of eyes and spinal cords • Faces take shape • Fetuses grow from 5-10 mm to 14-15 mm • Organogenesis begins—Embryos are at their most susceptible to defects • Days 26-32 are the best days to palpate (i.e., feel for the puppies) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible clear vaginal discharge • Mammary development begins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After Day 26, palpitation may be possible to diagnose pregnancy • Limit strenuous activity (such as working, jumping, long runs) • Add 1/4 cup cottage cheese or a hard boiled egg to food on alternating days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule ultrasound or palpation with vet if desired
Week 5 (Days 29-35)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of toes, whisker buds, and claws • Fetuses look like dogs • Gender can be determined • Eyes (previously open) now close • Fetuses grow from 18 mm - 30 mm • Organogenesis ends—embryos are fairly resistant to interference with development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swelling becomes noticeable • Loss of "tuck-up" • Weight will start to increase 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slightly increase amount of food and switch to puppy kibble. • If you feed one meal a day, add an extra meal. If you feed twice a day, slightly increase one of the meals. • Add daily multi-vitamin • Palpation no longer possible due to fluids in uterus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing special to do this week
Week 6 (Days 36-42)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of skin pigment • Fetuses should weigh around 6 grams and be 45 mm long • Fetal heartbeats can be heard with stethoscope 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nipples darken and enlarge • Abdomen continues to enlarge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add cottage cheese or hard boiled egg to food daily • Increase the amount of food in the extra meal • Bitch should start sleeping in whelping box 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assemble whelping box • By this time you should be fairly sure that the bitch is pregnant. • Notify the people on your puppy list. Let them know when you expect delivery

Week 7 (Days 43-49)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth and development continues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abdomen hair will start shedding • Bitch will start to look pregnant at this point 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slightly increase both meals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop any roughhousing or jumping • X-rays possible to determine number and size of puppies
Week 8 (Days 50-57)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fetal movement can be detected when bitch is at rest • Puppies can safely be born from now on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milk may be squeezed from nipples • The bitch will be very large 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate lunch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather whelping kit • Prepare phone list for help/support. It should include your vet's phone number, the emergency number, the emergency clinic's phone number, the number of any friends who will be offering support during whelping and anyone else you might need to contact before, during, or after (like your office--to let them know you won't be in!) • Make sure your car is gassed up and ready for a possible emergency trip to the vet's office.
Week 9 (Days 58-65)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth and development continues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nesting behavior may be seen • Bitch may become distressed (panting, pacing, acting uncomfortable) • Temperature should be around 100.8-100.2°F • When temperature drops to around 98-99.4°F, puppies should be born within 24 hours • Appetite may disappear as whelping approaches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start taking temperature three times per day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify vet or emergency clinic when temperature drops so that they will be ready for any problems • Keep detailed records on temperature and behavior of bitch <p>Double check that whelping supplies are ready</p>

Pregnancy and Whelping Timeline, Courtesy of Caroline Hensley, Rievaulx Yorkshire Terriers, Used by permission, Copyright 2002.

Please visit the Rievaulx Yorkies website at:

<http://www.RIEVAULX.org>

Editor's Corner

Well, I managed to save one little space for a few notes on this first issue of the Newsletter for this year.

First, special thanks to Phyllis Grilli for her outstanding job on past Newsletters--her shoes will be hard to fill!! My dogs have already informed me that they certainly do not have the literary talents of Barney, so I hope we will be able to convince him to be an occasional "Guest Columnist."

Second, this is YOUR Newsletter. Please tell me what you want to see, and submit ideas and articles that you think the membership would like to read. I'd like to see the Newsletter take an educational "turn" and I have started that in this issue. Let me know what you think.

We will also be sending the Newsletter by e-mail starting with this issue. It may take an issue or so to get the bugs worked out--so please bear with me!

Newsletters will be published in Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, and Nov on the first of the month if possible. Deadline will be the 20th of the preceding month.

I look forward to the challenge of producing each issue.

MaryAnne Teal

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARCH 2002	Closings=red Events=black DCA=green				1 Carolina KC (NC) closes HVDC Specialty (NY)	2
3	4	5 RDOC Mtg.	6 Tarheel Circuit closes	7	8	9 DFCV Tracking Workshop Danville KC (VA- Agility Trial)
10	11	12	13 Blue Ridge DTC (Agil Trial-VA) closes	14	15	16 DCNJ Field Seminar
17 DCNJ Earthdog Seminar	18	19 Danville KC (NC); DFCV Meeting 7:30	20 Western PA KC closes; Carolina KC (NC)	21 Tarheel Circuit	22 Merrimac DTC (Agility Trial) closes; Durham KC (NC)	23 Hampton Rds OTC (Agil Trial) closes; Raleigh KC (NC) Reg VI FT (MD)
24 Fayetteville KC (NC) Met Wash FT (MD)	25 Salisbury KC (NC)	26	27 Lebanon Co KC (PA) & Fredericksburg VA closes	28	29 Warrenton KC closes	30 Blue Ridge DTC (Agil Trial-VA)
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
APRIL 2002	1	2 RDOC Mtg	3 Old Dominion, Met Balt DC, Balt KC closes	4	5	6 Western PA KC (DP Cline); Merrimac DTC (VA-Agility Trial)
7 Western PA KC (E Rigden)	8	9	10 DOTC of Lynchburg (Agility) & Ches VA DF closes	11 Lebanon Co KC (PA) (R Spritzer)	12	13 Hampton Roads OTC Agility Trial
14 Hampton Roads OTC Agility Trial; DCA VST	15 Fredericksburg KC	16 Fredericksburg KC DFCV Meeting	17 DCNJ closes Warrenton KC DCA TD/TDX	18 BDC Earthdog	19 Met Balt DC (F Colonna) DCA Earthdog	20 Old Dominion KC (Leesburg, VA) BDC Field Trial
21 Baltimore KC DCA Field Trial	22 BDC Agility Trial	23 DCA Agility Trial BDC Sweeps	24 BDC(O/Conf/Jrs) RDOC (Obed) closes	25 DCA Obed DCA Sweeps	26 DCA Obed/Conf to Winners Reg IV Futurity	27 Chesapeake VA DF DCA BOV/BOB/ Jrs/ Non-reg
28 Chesapeake VA DF; DOTC of Lynchburg (Agility)	29	30				

DIRECTIONS TO MEETINGS

Directions to Manakin Fire House (MARCH)

From Interstate 64 Take exit #173 Rockville/Manakin Rte 623 (this exit is on the west side of Richmond, one exit west of the interchange for I-64 and 295). Go South on Rte 623 (if you are coming from the west on 64 it is a Right turn; coming from the east it is a Left turn—Look for Texaco on your left and Amoco on your right to know you're going the right way!). Proceed on Rte 623 until it dead ends at Rte 250/Broad Street (there is a Wachovia Bank on your left). Go west (turn right) onto Rte 250. Look immediately to turn Left or Ret 623 as it doglegs back at Red Oak Cafe. Once on Ret 623 you should see a sign for Veterinary Referral and Critical Care. Keep straight proceeding on Rte 623 until it dead ends at Rte 6/Patterson Avenue. Turn Right on Patterson Avenue and the fire house is less than 100 yards on your right. Go around to the back of the building to park. We meet upstairs.

Directions to Bon Air Library (APRIL & JUNE)

The Library's address is 9103 Rattlesnake Rd.
The phone number there is 804-320-2461.

From the East (Williamsburg) :

Take I-64 West to I-95 North to I-195 South to Powhite Parkway. Proceed on Powhite Parkway, cross the James River, and continue on Powhite Parkway (toll) to Jahnke Road West Exit. Head west on Jahnke to Buford Rd, turn right on Buford. Proceed on Buford looking for Rattlesnake Road to come in on your left as you approach Bon Air Baptist Church. (If you go beyond the church you missed the turn on Rattlesnake) Turn left on Rattlesnake, cross over McRae, library will be on your right.

From the West (Charlottesville) :

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Richmonders: can come across the Wiley Bridge, to Huguenot Rd. Right on Huguenot, left on Buford, right on Rattlesnake.

Next Meeting:
March 19th, 7:30 p.m. Manakin Fire House
See you there!!

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