

Dachshund Fanciers of Central Virginia Newsletter

Long-Short-&-Wire-of-It News

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Meeting Notice: Next meeting, Tuesday, March 18, 2003, 7:30 p.m. at the Manakin Sabot Firehouse.

Directions to Manakin Fire House: 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 on Rte 623 as it doglegs back at Red Oak Cafe. Once on Rte 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. Meeting will be in the downstairs room around the righthand side of the building if you are facing it from the back parking lot.

DUES ARE OVERDUE!!

DFCV Annual dues were due October 1st. They are \$15 for a single membership and \$25 for a family. Anyone whose dues are unpaid is not eligible to vote, and their membership will immediately lapse if they remain unpaid on January 1, 2003.

Please send dues check (payable to DFCV) to:

Karen Gray
12570 Thoreau Drive
Chesterfield, VA 23838

Upcoming Specialty June 21, 2003

GOOD NEWS!!

VKC has voted to increase the amount of money per entry that they share with the Specialty giving clubs. They have voted to increase the amount we receive from \$1.50 to \$3.00 per entry!!

Thank you, VKC!!

Show Talk... or Dog Show 101 (submitted by MaryAnn Massie)

The minutes of many of our meetings include discussions on dog shows, specialty shows, stand alone specialties, etc. It occurred to me, as a new comer myself to the dog show world, many of our members may not really understand what all this show talk is about. I hope the following abbreviated explanation will bring you all up to speed and enable you to become more active in the club! You don't have to own a "show dog" to participate in our club, in these conversations, or in any event(s) the DFCV decides to host. So here we go....

There are several "types" of dog shows. The most common type is referred to as an All Breed Show, benched or unbenched, and is hosted by a local Kennel Club. (Our local club is the Virginia Kennel Club; they have been approved by the American Kennel Club to host the event but we won't get sidetracked on what it takes to be approved, etc. right now). An all breed dog show is what most people think of when they think of a dog show - all breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club come together for a very large event, with many competition rings and many judges. A benched show means that every dog entered has to stay from the time he is shown to the end of the show. An unbenched show means you get to go home when you loose (take your spanking and head for the car!). An All Breed show is a wonderful place to visit hundreds of breeds or varieties. The breeds and varieties are categorized by "Groups" - for example, dachshunds are in the "Hound Group", Irish Setters are in the "Sporting Group". The seven groups are hound, sporting, herding, terrier, toy, non sporting, and working. You have to win your breed or variety competition to advance to the Group competition. - for example, there may be thirty breeds in one group. The winner of each breed is working to compete against the other 29 breeds in his Group for the "Group Winner". It is like the playoffs in football. The seven

"Group Winners" then go on to compete for "Best in Show". So you start off with 1000 dogs representing 100 breeds in seven groups. You have to keep winning to advance to the next level - breed or variety winner moves on to group, group winners move on to Best In Show, and finally ONE top dog is pinned Best In Show. Winning your breed or variety is quite a thrill, anything else is icing on the cake. Points are accumulated toward your "Championship" title by the number of dogs you beat - that's "math" for another day though. Back to the Show talk.

Another type of show is a "Specialty Show". This shows has to have the approval of the parent club (Dachshund Club of America) and is often considered a more prestigious show as it pulls heavier competition. It generally means more thoughtful consideration has been given to choosing a judge, generally a breeder of the dog being judged. There are "stand alone" Specialty Shows, which means a breed specific club (like DFCV) hosts the event and only dachshunds would be shown there. Quite often several breed specific clubs will work together to lease one location with several Specialty Shows - that means you share the expenses of the facility but do not compete for group winner. An example would be the dachshund folks have a specialty at the Showplace the same day the Irish Setter folks, the Poodle folks and the Cairn terrier folks have specialties. Again, no competition between the "Groups" represented, just a cost saving measure.

Then there are "Specialty Shows held in conjunction with All Breed Shows" which means the breed specific club "tags onto" the work of the kennel club who is hosting the all breed show. The breed specific club gets to suggest names of judges for the all breed kennel club to choose from and the breed specific club gets a kick back on entries. The breed specific club generally purchases trophies that are the envy of all!

And one more thing to throw at you - there is something called "supported entries". That means that the breed specific club will encourage its members to enter and show their dogs in an attempt to "build a major" - that gets back to the "math" thing mentioned earlier, on accumulating points toward a championship. Another topic all together!

So are you with me? Here is our background...The DFCV "supported entries" at the Virginia Kennel Club show several years ago. We had special trophies and enjoyed success with very limited work from our volunteers. Then we took on a bit more responsibility and had a "Specialty in conjunction with the VKC All Breed Show" - again the Dachshund Club of America had to approve us, as did VKC and the American Kennel Club. So we did a little more work, still piggybacking on the VKC club members' hard work, but it was more prestigious. This year we are again hosting a "Specialty in conjunction with" the VKC Saturday show, AND are "supporting" entries on the following day, Sunday. So hopefully the majors (math again!) will hold for both days. We are taking small steps forward. The natural progression, given strong finances and a strong volunteer base, would be to host a Stand Alone Specialty.

So now you are caught up - if I can learn all of this gooble-y gook YOU can too. You should come to the VKC show to see all the work that goes into putting on a dog show. You must purchase a catalog to understand what the heck is going on - many of us at ringside can help you understand. I hope to see you there in June.

I have provided a financial summary for our projected expenses in 2003 compared to our expenses in 2002. Keep this in mind as we continue to discuss shows, specialties, and all "that jazz" in the future. And if you want more on the "math" needed to become a champion, let me know. I can give a math lesson at a future meeting - just don't ask me to do geometry!

Trophy Committee Report (submitted by Mary Ann Massie)

Our timeline to provide information on trophies prevented the general membership from voting on trophies for our June 21 Specialty in conjunction with the Virginia Kennel Club All Breed and Obedience Show and our supported entries on the 22nd. The following was presented to the Officers and Board members of the DFCV (by mail) for concurrence. Marilyn Palmore, President, contacted me with approval.

For Saturday's Specialty (June 21)

Hand painted trophies by Ann Priddy:

WB/WD (6) 5x7 frames with each variety painted on two items (i.e. two frames with wires for the WB and WD in wire coat),

\$17 each, total \$102

BOW (3) double light switch covers with variety painted on each, \$20 each, total \$60

BOS (3) key racks with variety painted on each,

\$25 each, total \$75

BOV (3) photo albums with each variety painted on,

\$38 each, total \$114

[Also each BOV will receive the DCA bronze plaque]

Grand total \$351

Sweeps - three decorative "tins" with premium treats. Best of Sweeps will be "cube" for treats, estimate \$15. No cost for tins or treats. VKC will provide \$10 toward Best of Sweeps prize.

For Sunday's "supported" entries (June 22)

\$20 cash for each BOV winner. That's \$60 total. VKC gives us \$15 toward the Breed/Variety winner on supported entries so it really only costs us \$15 total.

Here is how the numbers break down (with the comparison to 2002 next to it in parenthesis).

2003 Expenses with indication if they are estimated

DCA trophy fee \$180 (\$120)

AKC fee \$15 (\$15)

Catalog fee VKC \$45 assuming no increase (\$45)

Postage for trophy fund requests \$25 estimate (\$23.80)

Trophies as outlined above \$351 Sat. + \$60 Sun. (\$385.16)

Sweepstakes \$15 estimate for treat cube (\$27.86)

Thank you postage \$10 estimate (\$8.88)

TOTAL ESTIMATED/KNOWN EXPENSES = \$701 (\$625.70)

Estimated Income

Trophy fund \$535 (from 2002)

Entries for 2003 \$3 X 103 entries \$309

VKC contribution sweepstakes trophy \$10

VKC contribution supported trophies 3 x \$15 = \$45

TOTAL (EST.) INCOME \$899

If we can get the same number of entries for 2003 (103 is based on 2002) we should be in good shape. Especially with the INCREASE IN VKC PAYOUT. LOOKING GOOD FRIENDS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Trophy Funds Needed

Our club is once again soliciting donations to our Specialty trophy fund and hope everyone can contribute. Contributors will be recognized in a full page advertisement in the Virginia Kennel Club catalog. Trophies include bronze plaques from the Dachshund Club of America and hand painted trophies from "Original Designs by Ann Priddy", a Richmond artist. We had MAJORS in all coats in 2002 and hope to repeat this year.

Our Judges: Saturday Sweepstakes - DFCV member Marilyn Palmore

Saturday all coats - Jean Fancy

Sunday all coats - Dr. Berndt

Please help by sending your donations along with your name, address, phone # and how you would like your donation to appear in the ad, to Betty Saady by April 15, 2003 so we may include your name in the advertisement.

THANK YOU!!! WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ON JUNE 21 AND 22!!!

Mail to: Betty Saady, 6514 Stuart Ave, Richmond VA 23226
804-285-1982; email gust5@msn.com

Meeting Minutes (submitted by Kitty Johnson)

DACHSHUND FANCIERS OF CENTRAL VIRGINIA
BOARD MEETING, FEBRUARY 18, 2003
MANAKIN-SABOT FIRE HOUSE

Members Present: Marilyn Palmore, Anne Reed, Kitty Johnson, Karen Gray, Sherry Sackett and Mary Anne Massie.

Minutes of the last meeting of the Board on October 15, 2002 were read and approved.

Report of the President: Constitution was last revised May 18, 1999 and except for dues needed no revisions. Single dues are now \$15.00 and household membership is now \$25.00

Report of the Secretary: none except for the minutes.

Report of the Treasurer: will provide a list of those members who have paid dues and those who have not paid dues.

Report of Committees: None

Unfinished Business: Judges nominations for Region 5, and DCA 2006. Some confusion over what judges we are nominating and for what event.

New Business: Need to discuss with the membership the implications of hosting/working with DCA 2006

Kitty

DACHSHUND FANCIERS OF CENTRAL VIRGINIA
FEBRUARY 18, 2003
MANAKIN-SABOT FIREHOUSE

Members present: Ann and Stanley Reed, Sherry Sackett, Barbara Friedman, Mary Ann Massie, Karen Gray, Kitty Johnson, Marilyn Palmore, Bill and Betsy Schrage.

Minutes: minutes of the last meeting of the membership on December 14, 2002 were read and approved.

Report of the Board: Took more suggestions for judges for 2005 VKC. Discussed helping to host DCA 2006 and what it would mean for the club. Trophy selections were approved for VKC 2003. Ann Priddy was selected to do the designs.

Report of the President: It was established that the last revision of the constitution was May 18, 1999 and it needed no revisions at this time, except to change the dues. Do we need to add the DCA Code of Ethics to the constitution? People were reminded that dues needed to be paid and that they are \$15.00 a year for a single membership and \$25.00 for a household membership.

Report of the Secretary: No report other than the minutes.

Report of the Treasurer: Will check to see who has paid dues and will see that Kitty gets the list.

Report of Committees: a sheet was sent around the room for people to sign up for the committees. Marilyn now has those sheets and members will be assigned to the committees that they selected.

Old Business: Sherry also said needed to submit nominations for judges for DCA Region 5 of which this club is a member. Members submitted more names. There was some confusion over submitting of judges names for Region 5 and the DCA 2006.

New Business:

- Need to decide what part this club will play, if any, in hosting DCA 6. Some members suggested that we needed a minimum of \$4000 in the bank to begin the process. A copy of the DCA Guidelines for hosting were passed out to members and sent to absent members by snail mail and e-mail. Must come to a decision by June 1, 2003, as to what part this club will play in 2006.
- Agreed to send a \$25.00 check to the Met/Balt. Speciality being held May 18, 2003. Reminded that Met/Wash. was having field trials on March 23, 2003 and was anyone interested in participating. There is also a tentative Earthdog match April 26, 2003.
- Mary Beth Goodbody of RDOC has passed her certification to be a tracking judge.
- Jean Dickerson at VKC needs help in cutting out ribbon neck drapes for dogs and putting together the premium.
- If the Terrier Club is interested in doing a spring earth dog workshop then this club should be willing to help set up.

Kitty

What do you think? Should our club host the 2006 DCA National??

The Dachshund Club of America contacted DFCV in early January with a request for DFCV to consider hosting or co-hosting the national specialty in 2006.

The officers and Board of DFCV have received hardcopies of the DCA guidance for hosting a national specialty. The officers and Board want EVERY member of DFCV to have the guidance IF you are interested in providing input into our decision. There are a few "dated" items in the guidance but overall it provides a fair outline of what to expect or what is expected of the host. So IF you want to provide input into our decision please do the following:

- If you have email access - email Andra O'Connell, DCA Secretary, at amtek@ulster.net In the subject line please put "National Specialty Guidance" - then ask her to forward the electronic version to you at your email address.
- If you do not have email access, call Kitty Johnson 285-1766 and she will mail you a hardcopy.

Ten Things You Need to Know to Prepare Your Dog for a Disaster (submitted by Kitty Johnson)

(Taken from "Dogs For Dummies," by Gina Spadafori, Copyright 1996 by Wiley Publishing and reprinted with permission of the author)

For pet owners faced with a flood, fire, hurricane, earthquake, or other crisis, disaster experts are all of one mind on what to do:

Take your pets with you.

While animals are not allowed in disaster-relief shelters, an increasing number of animal shelters and veterinarians are better prepared now than ever before to take in animals during an emergency.

In fact, a model program started by the California Veterinary Medical Association has a veterinarian in place in each county to help coordinate animal-relief efforts. Other states are starting to see the light, too, with veterinarians, shelter groups, and specially trained disaster teams from the Sacramento, Calif., based United Animal Nations are prepared to do for animals what the Red Cross does for people.

Why all the changes? A growing realization that animals need help, too, and that some people choose to put their lives in danger rather than abandon their pets.

So take your pets. Also take their food, leashes, medicines, blankets, and carriers if told to evacuate.

You do can do better, still, if you plan ahead. Here are some tips from disaster-planning experts.

1. Have a Plan

Prepare for all possibilities, including the possibility that you may be away from home when disaster strikes. Make sure that everyone in your family - children, too! - is prepared in the event of an emergency. Make a plan and go over it until everyone knows what to do.

People need to rely on each other during emergencies, and this is just as true when it comes to your pets. Get to know your neighbors, and put a plan in place to help each other out. Find out from local shelters and veterinary organizations what their emergency response plans are and how you fit into them in case of a disaster.

2. Know What Your Veterinarian's Plans Are

Ask your veterinarian if he has a disaster plan, and how he plans to fit in with other veterinarians in an emergency. If he has never thought of it, pushing him a little on the subject won't hurt. If he has no interest, consider changing vets or exploring back-up care for your dog from someone who is more tapped in.

3. Maintain Your Pet's Permanent and Temporary ID

Most animals will survive a disaster. But too many will never see their families again without a way to determine which pet belongs to which family. That's why pets should always wear a collar and identification tags. Better still is permanent identification that can't slip off, such as a tattoo or imbedded microchip.

Keep temporary ID tags at hand, too, to put on your pet if you're forced to evacuate.(Your pet's permanent ID isn't of much use if you can't be home to answer the phone.) One of the easiest: Key tags on which you can jot a current number, slip into a plastic housing, and then attach to your pet's collar.

4. Keep Vaccinations -- and Records -- Current

Infectious diseases can be spread from dog to dog through floodwaters, which is why keeping pets' vaccinations up-to-date is essential. Kennel cough, although not serious, is common in sheltering situations and also preventable through vaccinations.

Prepare a file with up-to-date medical and vaccination records, your pets' microchip or tattoo numbers, your veterinarian's phone number and address, feeding and medication instructions, and recent pictures of your animals. Trade copies of emergency files with another pet-loving friend -- it's a good idea for someone else to know about your pet should anything happen to you.

5. Have Restraints Ready

Even normally obedient dogs can behave rather strangely when stressed by an emergency. Consequently, you should be prepared to restrain your pet - for his safety and the safety of others.

Keep leashes and carriers ready for emergencies. Ready means at hand -- the means to transport your pet shouldn't be something you have to find and pull from the rafters. Harnesses work better than collars at keeping panicky pets safe.

Shipping crates are probably the least-thought-of pieces of emergency equipment for pet owners - but are among the most important. Sturdy crates keep pets safe and give rescuers more options in housing pets. They give you more options, too, in the homes of friends or relatives, or in shelters outside of the area.

Depending on weather conditions, crated pets may also be safely left overnight in vehicles.

Another item to keep on hand is a muzzle, because frightened and injured dogs are more likely to bite.

6. Rotate a Supply of Food, Water, and Medications

Keep several days' worth of food and safe drinking water as well as any necessary medicines packed and ready to go in the event of a disaster. Rotate your supplies so they do not get stale. If your pet eats canned food, be sure to keep an extra can opener and spoon tucked in among the emergency supplies.

7. Keep First Aid Supplies on Hand -- with Directions

Pet-supply stores sell ready-made first aid kits, or you can put your own together fairly easily. You can find the ingredients of a good basic kit elsewhere in this book.

Keep a first aid book with your supplies, but give the book a quick read before you store it. Veterinarian Michelle Bamberger's "Help! The Quick Guide to First Aid for Your Dog" (Howell) is one that's well organized and easy to follow.

Pet-Pak, Inc., manufactures animal first-aid kits in five sizes, all neatly packed in a plastic container (the four largest have handles). The kit contains the basics for emergency care, along with a pamphlet on using the supplies. For information, contact the company at P.O. Box 982, Edison, NJ 08818-0982; (908) 906-9200.

8. Know the Locations of Other Veterinary Hospitals - and Animal Shelters

Your veterinary hospital may be damaged in the disaster, which is why having some back-up plans for boarding and care is good. Know where other veterinary hospitals are, as well as animal shelters and animal-control facilities in your area.

9. Keep a "Lost Dog" Kit Ready

In case of a disaster, you probably won't be able to get flyers printed up, so make up some generic ones and keep them with your emergency supplies. In the biggest type size you can, center the words: "LOST DOG," along with a clear picture of your dog. Then below, provide a description of your dog, including any identifying marks, and a space to add the phone number where you can be reached, along with any back-up contacts, friends, relatives, neighbors, or your veterinarian. Print a hundred copies and keep them in a safe place.

A staple-gun allows you to post your notices; keep one loaded and with your supplies along with thumbtacks and electrical tape.

If your dog becomes lost, post flyers in your neighborhood and beyond, and distribute them at veterinary hospitals and shelters. While relying on the kindness of strangers is nice, offering a reward makes many strangers just a little bit kinder.

10. Be Prepared to Help Others

You may be lucky to survive a disaster nearly untouched, but others in your community won't be so fortunate. Contact your local humane society and veterinary organization now to train as a volunteer so you can help out in a pinch. Disaster-relief workers do everything from distributing food to stranded animals to helping reunite pets with their families - and helping find new homes for those who need them.

Volunteering in a pinch is not only a good thing to do - it's the right thing for anyone who cares about animals and people.

("Dogs For Dummies" is now in its second edition.)

DCA Color Committee needs DNA

The DCA Board's Color Committee is undertaking research that would help determine if wild boar is a color or a pattern. The Committee is working to formulate a new section on color for a breed standard revision.

The Committee would like to test "red wild boars" for the presence of e gene. Therefore, if you own a "red wild boar" wirehaired dachshund or know of such dogs, please contact Jolanta Jeanneney at jola@born-to-track.com to arrange for DNA collection.

Report on Possible Independent Specialty Show 2004 (researched, presented to DFCV, and submitted by Barbara Friedman)

On behalf of DFCV, I have spoken to many people and investigated many possibilities for us to have an Independent Specialty Show in 2004.

We have many decisions and choices to make as a club if we are ever to reach our ultimate goal of a classy, well attended, and profitable show.

It will take cooperation, hard (Team) work, advance planning, and just a little bit of luck!

To be specific:

Possibility A: Sharing the Showplace with Terrier Club on Friday prior to VKC shows was investigated, but found to not be a viable alternative.

Possibility B: Co-located Specialty with Met. Washington

Monika Martin, President of Met. Wash. Dachshund Club, has offered us the use of the Skating Rink in Purcellville on the Saturday before their Sunday Show, Fall of 2004. Idea is attractive since it would offer TWO independent specialties in a row--with breeder/specialist judges--which should attract a larger entry. Met. Wash. does all the work for the specialty themselves (as opposed to hiring a superintendent) but could guide and assist us.

Possibility C: Our own independent Specialty in a Local location

There is a possibility of holding our show at Cedarfield in the far West End of Richmond at little or no cost to the club. They have a beautiful spacious ballroom, with a satellite kitchen, rest rooms, parking, an inner courtyard-park outside the ballroom for x-pens, and even a room adjacent we could use for grooming, plus ample space to set up booths for education and vendors.

Consider: Use a Superintendent, or do it all ourselves?

Using a Super:

MB-F provided a written standard sample quote for 80-100 entries, called "the Printing Package". (Marilyn has a copy of this if you'd like to see it) They do everything, provide everything for \$1250.00 per 100 entries, and if they happen to be in town for another show, they'll come over and set up rings (and then return to take them down) for an additional \$150-200.

Conclusion/Cost Comparison

Obviously, if we did all the work ourselves, like Met. Wash., our expenses would be roughly half the MBF fee. Then, if we were frugal about trophies and other expenses, with the show site at little or no cost, and charging \$22/regular entry, and \$10/sweepstakes entry--with an entry of 100 plus 30 Sweeps entries we should make money:

Income

Regular entries: 100 @ \$22	\$2200.00
Sweeps entries: 30 @ \$10	\$300.00
Trophy Donations	\$300?
TOTAL INCOME	\$2800 (estimated)

Expenses

Printing: 300 Premiums & 100 Judging Programs	\$700.00
Trophies	\$300.00
Postage	\$150.00
Misc.	\$50.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1200.00

POSSIBLE PROFIT \$1400.00

So, even if we used the MBF Package, we might possibly break even. The KEY would be the selection of a very popular judge, and a date so that the Specialty occurs on a day prior to or very near a weekend cluster of local all-breed shows.

Let's all please consider these options for doing our first Independent Specialty. Respectfully submitted, Barbara Friedman

Letter to the Editor

WHY SHOULD A CONFORMATION SPECIALTY SHOW BE AN IMPORTANT FOCUS FOR OUR CLUB??

We all love our individual dogs and the fun we have with them in agility, obedience, tracking, earthdog or just enjoying their companionship at home.

We are not only the fanciers and caretakers of the individuals we know, but as members of this Club, we are also, on a larger scale, guardians of the integrity of the Breed in general.

Years ago, before most of these "performance" events were available, focus was all on the Specialty (Conformation) Show: An opportunity to validate our breeding stock and programs, and a place for new judges and fanciers from other breeds to see the best and most correct examples our breed had to offer. Novices were mentored and inspired by our examples of dedication and passion. They "got the bug" and hopefully became the future guardians of the integrity of our breed.

But nowadays, our attention and focus has been fragmented- so much "compulsory enjoyment" and so little time!

The result is the travesty of the American Show Dog. Every year we lose a little more. Where have the correct fronts gone? Where is balance, type, coat and movement??

Today, our AKC Judges have to go through the toughest ever training process, and are the best informed ever. We cannot blame them for putting up a poor example if there is nothing better in the ring!

But who is educating the Breeders of today? Do novice breeders even know what a good front even looks like anymore?

Unfortunately, the truth is that showing and seriously campaigning dogs today has become a lot like American politics- all egos and unlimited cash, which is very distasteful and a turn-off to many people who are more timid and a lot less competitive than their "gung-ho" counterparts.

We must search for a moderate balance.

We must challenge ourselves to step up to the plate and take some responsibility for our "endangered species", at least once a year.

We must accept the Hippocratic oath to "do no harm" and to pass on our precious charges to future generations in at least as good shape as they were entrusted to us, if not in better shape.

Sincerely,

Braggs & Gripes



Kitty Johnson reports that *CH Peachtrees Sydney Culpepper* went BOV at the Greater Daytona Dog Fancier's Show 1/4/03 under Mr. B Nolan Dale...and defeating some tough competition (CH Coniston's LaBoheme, who won the Invitational this year!). Way to go Sydney!!



Marilyn Palmore notes with greatest sadness the passing of *CH Cederbend's Beau-Baron W* (1989-2002). Our deepest sympathies go to Marilyn.

Humor

One day, the dachshund while chasing butterflies discovers that he is lost.

So, wandering about, he notices a leopard heading rapidly in his direction with the obvious intention of having lunch. The dachshund thinks, "OK, I'm in deep trouble now!"

Then he noticed some bones on the ground close by, and immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat. Just as the leopard is about to leap, the dachshund exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious leopard. I wonder if there are any more around here?"

Hearing this, the leopard halts his attack in mid-stride, as a look of terror comes over him, and slinks away into the trees. "Whew," says the leopard. "That was close. That dachshund nearly had me."

Meanwhile, a monkey who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the leopard. So, off he goes. But the dachshund saw him heading after the leopard with great speed, and figured that something must be up. The monkey soon catches up with the leopard, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the leopard. The leopard is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here monkey, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine."

Now the dachshund sees the leopard coming with the monkey on his back, and thinks, "What am I going to do now?"

But instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet... and just when they get close enough to hear, the dachshund says, "Where's that monkey? I sent him off half an hour ago to bring me another leopard."

Moral:

If you can't dazzle them with brilliance then baffle them with BS....



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