

The Retriever Review

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Colorado River Retriever Club

Minutes

CRRC's September meeting was held Wednesday, September 9, 2009. Matt Tischler, *President*, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Member's Present: Matt Tischler, Maria & Steve Jefferies, Aaron & Liz Tolleson, Deborah Story, Rex & Donna Westbrook, Robert & Hayden Groover, Roy Barnes, Jerry King, Ross Melancon, Jim Stevens, Randy Crable and Dan Berry.

Treasurers' Report:

Michelle Spradley reported a balance of \$6,942.99 – all bills paid.

Old Business:

Matt Tischler reported that the decals had been put on the club equipment trailer and looked really good.

Matt Tischler reported that the new t shirts and the new hats were in. Information about all of the t shirts and hats we have available, are in detail in the newsletter. Contact Kyle Grant or Maria Jefferies to reserve yours now.

The club had discussed buying bumpers for judge's gifts and allowing club members to order some for the same price. Matt Tischler has been checking prices and is still doing research. He wants to check with Avery and Gun Dog Supply and will report back to the club.

New Business:

Matt Tischler asked club members if we were still interested in having a Christmas Party. A motion was made in favor by Steve Jefferies and a second was by Rex Westbrook. The club voted and agreed to have the annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 5, 2009. Details will come later.

Matt Tischler asked for an update on the Retriever Challenge and the Upland Hunt/ Skeet Shoot. The club discussed the Retriever Challenge and committee chairmen Randy Crable and Steve Jefferies suggested having it sometime in May. These club activities are in the working stages and will be presented and discussed at a later date.

Donna Westbrook volunteered to check prices on the CRRC window decals and report back to the club.

Matt Tischler suggested we select a nominating committee for the 2010 officer election.

A motion was made by Roy Barnes to adjourn the meeting; a second was made by Rex Westbrook.

Dog Topics

Hot Spots and Your Dog

“Hot Spots” are localized skin infections that are usually caused by a bacterium called *Staphylococcus Intermedius*, even though other bacteria can be involved. In most cases, the cause remains unknown, although they are often due to some underlying factor such as fleas, mites, bacteria, allergies, or irritants (a harsh shampoo). In some cases, a severe essential fatty acid deficiency may also be the cause.

Causes of Hot Spots

It is suspected that increase in temperature and humidity of the skins environment may play a role in the development of these skin infections. This is probably why hot spots tend to be more common in the summer than the winter. Often, hot spots may occur after a dog has been swimming in a lake or river, likely because this changes the temperature and humidity of the skins microenvironment. Dogs that are prone to allergies also tend to get hot spots more readily than non-allergic dogs.

Treating Hot Spots

At one time, all hot spots were thought to be the same. As a result, they were all treated the same way. However, research has shown that there are actually two distinct forms of hot spots (also known as acute moist dermatitis), namely superficial hot spots and deep hot spots. Correctly identifying which type of hot spot your dog has helps the veterinarian to determine the correct treatment and possibly even the cause.



Superficial Hot Spots

Superficial hot spots are, as the name implies, on the skin surface and appear as moist patches of inflamed, ulcerated, itchy skin with matted hair. They are easily treated by clipping back the hair from the infected area, then cleansing with a medicated soap and water, followed by application of an appropriate topical medication.



Deep Hot Spots

The second type of hot spot is the deep hot spot. It is quite different from the superficial form in that there is itchiness, ulceration, and inflammation but also a very deep infection and oozing. Unlike the superficial kind of hot spot, these hot spots must be treated with antibiotics as well as a topical treatment. They are seen most often in young dogs and in Golden Retrievers and Saint Bernard's.

Preventing Hot Spots

Prevention is difficult, if not impossible, unless an underlying cause can be determined. If you cannot determine the cause, there are some things you can do to lesson the probability of your dog getting hot spots. For example, giving medicated baths (benzoyl peroxide shampoos) on a regular basis may help prevent some cases from re-occurring. Supplementing the diet with an essential fatty acid supplement may prove helpful in others. Early detection of hot spots before they become serious is also an important part of any prevention program. Your **Veterinarian** should be consulted if your dog gets a hot spot so that you can both work together to relieve your pet's suffering, as well determine a cause and course of treatment .



Retriever Rewards – Great tips that will make your life easier.

As I was reading the Sunday paper I ran across this interesting article about a product that really works and provides a solution to an itching problem for your pet. I did some research and this is what I found:

Royal Coat EFA Express provides your pet with necessary supplemental amounts of Omega-6 (borage oil) and Omega-3 (fish oil) most times *MISSING OR IN INSIGNIFICANT* amounts in commercial pet food. Omega-3's and Omega-6's help your pet to maintain a shiny healthy coat. ***Royal Coat EFA Express*** provides relief for periodic outbreaks of itching, dry skin, hot spots, visible redness and rashes. It provides your pet with an excellent, *all-natural* source of EFAs (essential fatty acids) they need to maintain healthy skin and shiny coats.

You can find this product at **Peak Nutrition**, 145 Oyster Creek Drive, Lake Jackson, Texas, phone: 979-285-2449.

The Snooty Poodle, 260 N. Dixie Drive, Lake Jackson, Texas, phone: 979-297-4300 is one more place you can pick this product up in our area.

In Louisiana, you can get it at **The Word Shop Vitamins & Herbs**, 750 Long Drive, Lake Charles, La., phone: 337-855-7562.

The second one is **Planet Pet**, 621 Prien Lake Road, Lake Charles, La., phone 337-433-7387.

I called the Peak Nutrition in Lake Jackson and the lady told me that this product is only found in Texas and Louisiana and that it flies off the shelf.

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Quote – “To err is human, to forgive, canine.” - Anonymous



Message from the Secretary

Pleeeeee Help! I am trying to update the membership information sheets and need your help. If you have a new address, phone number, or email address...if you have a “new” canine family member, please let me know. I am going to recognize our four legged friend’s birthdays, but cannot do so unless I have your info. My email address is mljefferies@hotmail.com .

September Doggie Birthdays

High Praises Houdini

“Houdi”

Owned by Dave Brannon

Wind River’s Edge of Night

“Shadow”

Owned by Steve & Maria Jefferies



Lab Fact: Labs played a crucial role in search-and-rescue after the

2001 terrorist attack on the world trade center.



FOR SALE

Club Tee-Shirts and Caps

Camouflage t-shirts (CRRC Logo)

Youth sizes available: Medium-7, Large-2 & X-Large-1

Adult sizes: 2X-Large-11

Military Green t-shirts (Dog-“If it’s not a Retriever, it just a dog)

Youth sizes available: Xsmall-4, Small-1, Medium-2 & Large-2

Adult sizes available: Large-12 & 2XLarge-3

Youth shirts \$10.00

Adult shirts \$15.00

Colorado River Retriever Caps - \$15.00 each

Contact:

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THE NEW SHIRTS HAVE ARRIVED!!!

Green shirt with HRC logo on front and CRRC logo on back

Sizes S – 3XL

Brown shirt with CRRC logo on front and “If it’s not a Retriever, it’s just a dog”
on the back

Sizes S – 2XL

THE NEW CAPS ARE HERE!!!

We have 2 different (cap) camo patterns available.

They are Mossy Oak Break-Up and Advantage Max-1 HD.

The visors are Mossy Oak, Duck Blind Camo.

Caps and Visors are **\$15.00** each

Pictures Needed

We need your Hunt Test / Duck Hunting pictures for the Christmas Party slideshow.

Let us know who is in the picture. Picture deadline is the first of December. Send to

Kyle Grant at kylegrant27@yahoo.com .



UPCOMING HUNT TEST

Lake Charles Retriever Club

October 3 & 4, 2009

Vinton, La

2009 Fall – HRC International Grand Hunt

October 17 – 21, 2009

Union City, Tennessee



2009 Hunt Test Season

Lonesome Dove HRC – September 12 & 13, 2009

Started

Jimmy Nealy – Ten Bears Fat Boy Cruzin

David Brannon – Doctor Dave's Budd Wiser

Janet Kimbrough – Ten Bears Fat Boy Cruzin

Seasoned

Michael Nutter – Nutter's Magnum Force Storm

Jimmy Nealy – Sum Ting Willy Wong

Ralph Linkenhoker – Linkenhoker's Liberty Belle

Kyle Grant – Grant's All That Man in Black

D'Laina Burdick – Gator Point's Death by Chocolate

Finished

Michael Nutter – Nutter's Chili Pepper Peanut

Kyle Grant – Grant's Riptide Champ

Mark Alessi – Pretty Lady Brackenbird

Don Koster – FBI Surfer Girl

Jimmy Nealy – Sum Ting Willy Wong

Janet Kimbrough – High praise Dark Chocolate with Nuts

Ralph Linkenhoker – Linkenhoker's Liberty Belle

Jason Luker – JT's Cosmic Collision

☆Congratulations☆

STARTED HUNTING RETRIEVER

SHR Midnight Ridge's Ruff-N-Rowdy/Kirk Warren
SHR Charlie's Lil Gunner/Aaron and Liz Tolleson

HUNTING RETRIEVER

HR Mudder Dudder of the Rock/Hugo De La Pena

HUNTING RETRIEVER CHAMPION

HRCH Palm's Major Effort MH/Mason Mitchell

MASTER HUNTER

HRCH Castlewood's Maggie Bea MH/Jim Witt
HRCH Castlewood's I Like Ike MH/Jim Witt
HRCH Palm's Major Effort MH/Mason Mitchell

Reminders

***Has your dog earned a new title, received that first started pass, or any other accomplishments? Email it to me at mljefferies@hotmail.com and I will put it in the next issue of The Retriever Review....After all, this is YOUR newsletter!*

October Meeting

The next CRRC meeting will be Wednesday October 14,
2009 at Bass Pro Shop in Pearland at 7 p.m.



Happy Fall