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I have to apologize as I have been woefully behind in getting out the newsletter. My latest excuse is we have a puppy who is under six months of age! JJ joined our family in May.

We took a three week trip up the coast of Oregon with all three dogs in our RV. That was an experience! But I have to say we met a lot of people who came over to meet the dogs. The dogs were ambassadors for the breed! And, who can resist a puppy with obviously "broken ears".

I retired in January, but with three dogs, I seem to keep pretty busy. Plus it is a lot of work to keep my husband working while I stay home and play with the dogs!!

Club Events

The Club has been busy lining out judges and everyone trying to understand the new show schedule. If you want to be involved in judge selection, I strongly encourage you to attend the meetings.

I think many of us will miss the venue at Westworld but onward and upward. Hopefully, we can continue to offer the WAE.

The month of November in Arizona will be very busy for dog fanciers and I wonder what if anything it will do for attendance at the shows.

I also want to encourage all DPCA members to review the ballot information and to vote on the candidates that you think have the welfare of the Doberman as the most important agenda item. Okay enough politicking.

From the kitchen……

During these hot summer dog shows what would be better than frozen treats for your dog. Here is a pretty simple recipe that you should have all the ingredients at home:

2 cups of meat, poultry or fish (You could use the meat off the last whole chicken you fixed) or even canned.

¾ cups of plain low fat or fat free yogurt.

Small handful of parsley finely chopped.

1 carrot cooked and mashed

3 tbs of olive oil

The yogurt holds it all together, the olive oil is good for their coat, parsley is a breath freshener and carrots are a sneaky way to get them to eat their veggies. (Although I bet they all love them).

Stir together and freeze in ice cube trays.

Variations instead of carrots and parsley use chunky natural peanut butter (the 100% with no sugar or additives).

These are sure to be a hit!!!!

Educational Items

In my quest to understand my non motivated dog in the obedience ring, and how it may be me, I have ordered a couple of books:

The Other End of the Leash: Why we do what we do around dogs by Patricia B. McConnell

And;

Canine Body Language: A Photographic Guide to Interpreting the Native Language of Domestic Dogs by Brenda Aloft.

After I have read them, I will share if any of it was helpful.

If any of you have read or would like to share any information on your dogs or training tips please feel free to send me an email.

Also if anyone has books that they would like to share about the Doberman, or training, or dog psychology maybe we could bring to the club meetings and start a lending library. If interested let me know.

Know Your Club Members

Big thank you to Michelle Lewis for submitting her "Meet a Member".

Please, everyone should do this. It is always good to learn

about the members and their dogs:

L. Michelle Lewis - Breeder, retired handler, mother, grandmother and now great grandmother.

I have been in dogs, breeding and showing dogs about 40 years now. My first breed was Miniature poodles then Great Danes. I started showing Dobermans back in the early 80's. I had the pleasure of showing Mimi's bitch Asta to multi BISS and many group wins and a Top 20 contender. It was a blast showing Asta for 2 years and the miles we put on the RV with Kathy. The color that was chosen for Asta was purple, so when we went to group or had a specialty, I always wore purple. After Asta was retired, I started showing my own special, American Canadian BIS BISS Top 20 contender Ch. LeMils Firecracker WAC. Crackers was the first of many of my own Dobermans I showed. Crackers and I went on to win 22 BISS, 5 all-breed BIS, all owner handled by me, what a ride that was. Crackers retired with back to back-Best in Shows in Tucson.
I have been asked and have judged the DPCA Futurity 3 times, and the Mexican Doberman Regional in Mexico City 2 times. All of these judging assignments were fantastic, and I learned so much. The people in Mexico were so very kind to me. I love the Dobermans they showed me. Many of the Dobermans that were shown were from South America, which to me have so much of the attitude that I love.
I bred to the famous BIS BISS Lex Luthor and I had 5 puppies with my partner, Ricki Combs, which we kept. Tye and Cash are now 10 1/2 years young and live with Ricki in Texas. I have bred 23 ROMs and have had multi Top 20 Conformation and Obedience titles. I have bred over 75 conformation and obedience titled Dobermans. I have long- lived Dobermans, which I am proud of. One of my oldies was my rock Triscuit, a red champion Cracker daughter. Triscuit was one week short of her 14th birthday when she passed to the Rainbow Bridge.
One of the hardest things I had to do was retire from handling, but at the time my dear mother was living with me, and she started having trouble remembering the names of the dogs and bitches. I retired soon after that.
I was also the editor of the Doberman Digest Magazine for 14 years, another fun job for me.
On to my personal life, I have 3 sons, 18 grandchildren and 14 3/4 great grandchildren. It is a blessing to have all the family and my years in dogs, which I love.
I hope you have learned a little more about me than you knew before this intro to LeMils Dobermans and L. Michelle Lewis.

Obedience/Behavior Tidbits By Barbara Nagy aka Patience Unlimited Professional Dog Training

(More on Barbara next newsletter)

What criteria should be required before obedience training begins? (Pet or performance)

The dog should be, in my opinion:

1. Of sound mind and physically healthy.

2. Outgoing

3. Toy and/or food motivated

4. Willingness to please and work alongside its handler

5. Forgiving, and good recovery

6. Mutual love and respect for each other. This is of most importance to me.

There is no feeling greater than being one with your dog!

Brags and Cries

Foxfire's Winners' Circle aka Rayna James entered her first obedience show in Williams. After only about 10 lessons she got two legs in Beginners Novice in back-to-back shows with a score of 191 each day. Rayna James is owned and handled in the obedience ring by Louise Mogler, who credits their success to trainer extraordinaire Barbara Nagy.

Tina Bickel reports:

Aero and I finished his RE in Williams, so he is now Bakar's Dynamic Heart RE, CGC

CH Foxfires' The New Deal aka Roosevelt got 2 pts toward his GCH in Ventura CA. He is owned and loved by Kim Clark.

CH Winmar's Kris Kringle earned his first leg in Beginners Novice in Williams, AZ. Kris is owned and handled in the obedience ring by Bob Allen.

Koral's Ryezing Sun v Radiant owned by Jenn and Shawn Cannerelli earned two legs in Rally Novice in Williams, AZ. Pivo is handled in the ring by Jenn.

When an eighty-five pound mammal licks your tears way, then tries to sit on your lap, it's hard to feel sad"

Kristan Higgins (author, In Your Dreams)