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Club Award Plaque Application

(Revised 2021)

Our club recognizes members and their dogs who in the past year (since December of the previous year) have achieved new AKC titles. Please review the attached Guidelines of Participation to receive this recognition.

Award description

1. The plaque will include the dogs' registered name, new AKC title, and date of award engraved on a plate with a club medallion.
2. All plaques must be picked up by the club member or his representative at the Awards Dinner.
3. Members who have already received an award will submit this form with their plaque to Betty Ribble at training class, club meetings (including Thanksgiving pot luck) or, be delivered to her at 13035 Via Caballo Rojo, San Diego, CA 92129. Please call in advance at 858-484-5240.
4. A **brief** (50 words or less) story about you and your dog's journey towards this award is requested. This is to accompany the plaque at the time of submission of their plaque and this form.

Award Plaque Options

OPTION #1: An 8"x10" engraved plaque is available for dogs whose owners intend to pursue further competition in AKC events. When the plaque is filled, the owner will receive an additional plaque with new titles engraved on the plaque.

OPTION #2 A 5"x 7" engraved plaque for dogs whose owners do not intend to pursue more than one or two additional AKC titles.

Award Application Form

Please print or type clearly.

Your Name: _____ Phone# _____
Email Address: _____

Your dog's name as you want it engraved on the plaque & Breed name.

Titles & Dates earned:

Club Participation. Club activity will be verified against records kept by the chairman and supplied to Awards Chairman.

Please include with this submission a **brief** story about your journey towards the new title(s). This will be read at Award Dinner and published in the club newsletter. This form may be emailed to Betty Ribble at n2dogs@pacbell.net or mailed to her at 13035 Via Caballo Rojo, San Diego, CA 92129.

All information and/or plaques must be received at the above address by:

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Both Lira and Rumble earned their BCAT title in FastCAT at the AbbaDogs trial at the Santa Maria Kennel Club dog show the weekend of August 21st.

For Lira, earning this title qualifies her for the Versatility Excellent certificate from the Lagotto Romagnolo Club of America (LRCA).

The LRCA versatility awards program is designed to recognize Lagotti that have distinguished themselves in the breed ring and in recognized performance events. These dogs possess the conformation, temperament, intelligence, scenting and working capabilities which represent the essential characteristics of the breed.

There are three levels of LRCA versatility awards: Versatility Certificate (VC), Versatility Excellent (VX) award, and Versatility Champion (VCH) award. These versatility awards are based on a point system which is used to weight each title based on its difficulty.

Versatility points are awarded for the achievements in each of the categories. The dog must earn 1 point in at least 5 of the categories to qualify for a Versatility award (VC or VCX). To earn a VCH award at least 2 points must be earned in the Scent Skills category. A total of 30 points for a Versatility Certificate (VC). The Versatility Excellent Certificate (VCX) requires a total of 40 points. The Versatility Champion Certificate (VCH) requires a total of 50 points.

Lira has had more than 30 points for a while, but needed a title in a 5th category. Because it took a while to find a FastCAT trial to enter, she now has 46 points which earns her the Versatility Excellent Certificate, and she only needs 4 more points to get her Versatility Champion Certificate.

The 5 categories and titles she has earned are as follows:

- 1) Dock Diving: DJ, DS
- 2) Rally: RN, RI, RA, RE, RAE
- 3) CGC/Trick Dog: CGC, CGCA, CGCU, ATT, TKN, TKI, TKA
- 4) Coursing: BCAT
- 5) Scent Skills: SWN, RATN, RATO

Additionally, I found out that she is the VERY FIRST FEMALE Lagotto EVER to earn this award. I am so proud of Lira's accomplishments!

PCK Worth Her Weight In Gold RAE FDC BCAT SWN SCA SEA SBA RATO DS DJ CGCA TKA ATT
"Lira"

Larcan's Head In The Clouds FDC BCAT SWN RATN DJ CGCA TKI ATT "Rumble"

OWNED AND OBVIOUSLY LOVED BY DEBBIE REDONDO.

PCK Worth Her Weight In Gold RAE FDC BCAT

SWN SCA SEA SBA RATO DS DJ CGCA TKA ATT

"Lira"



↖ Larcan's Head In The Clouds FDC BCAT

SWN RATN DJ CGCA TKI ATT

"Rumble"

Brady had a good weekend at the Basset Club and German Shepherd club trials in Escondido. He earned his first 2 legs in Rally Advanced! So proud of our boy!!

Thanks,

Terry Schonhoff and Pat Monise

WHEATLAND BRADY'S KRISPY KREME

RA CGC





Ffiona's 1st trial at 6 1/2 months old
Q'd both days in Novice Rally.



This weekend Oliver earned
his Rally Masters title &
QQQ'd both days

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN - URBAN

Debbie was the class trainer for the CGCU and Evaluator. We also had Bob Hawthorne, Kay's husband as the friendly stranger

These were our 8 new CGCU title holders!

CJ and Audrey Aguilar with Ghost, a pit bull

Debbie Redondo with Lira the Lagotto

Tom Bedford with Cinnamon the Std. Poodle

Kris Eitland with Jem the German Shepherd

Christins Hewes with George the lab,

Greg Larson with Bear the Bouvier

Vicki Brown with Lilly the Aussie

Danielle Richards with Schooner the Lab Mix



Dogs Overheating: Signs, Symptoms, & Prevention

Before leaving for work on a summer morning, Meredith turned on the air conditioner to keep her two beloved pets comfortable. Unfortunately, hours later, the power failed. Jazz and Ginger, gated in a sunny room, panted anxiously as they began to overheat. The house warmed quickly, and there was nowhere to find relief. Could this happen to your dogs?

WHY DOGS OVERHEAT

“Dogs don’t sweat,” French Bulldog Club of America president Jan Grebe, Ph.D., reminds us. Exercise, excitement, or infection can cause a dog’s temperature to rise normally. But when it rises only a few degrees over 102 degrees Fahrenheit, a dog is overheated and action must be taken before heat exhaustion occurs. When humans sweat, heat is transferred from the moisture over our entire body to drier, cooler air around it. Evaporation of this sweat cools us, and a fan makes it happen faster.

In contrast, dogs pant because they have few sweat glands. Panting is evaporative cooling, canine-style. Cooler, drier air is inhaled through the nose and upper airways, and in the lungs it is exchanged for warm, moist air as evaporative cooling takes place, which is the dog’s equivalent of our sweating mechanism. The breathing rate increases from 40 to 400 breaths per minute, with an occasional deep breath. After the cooler air is sucked into the lungs, hot, moist air is exhaled through the mouth over the dripping tongue, expelling excess body heat.

Panting animals, then, need adequate cool water to drink on warm days to keep those airways moist for this process, maintaining a fragile temperature balance. But if the outside environment is also very moist, less evaporation and cooling occur, resulting in reduced tolerance for hot, humid weather and a greater danger of overheating.

SIGNS YOUR DOG IS OVERHEATING

As a dog’s temperature rises, blood rushes to the surfaces of the tongue, gums, and membranes to help transfer excess heat. Frantic panting, extreme salivation, bright-red membranes, and labored breathing are clear warning signs that your dog is overheated and may quickly progress to a metabolic meltdown as his temperature rises to over 106 F and he can no longer cool himself.

He may gasp for air, and the entire mouth will become grayish to purple because of the unmet oxygen demand. As he dehydrates, the saliva thickens, and he may vomit and have diarrhea. Unable to stand, he may have a seizure, become comatose, and die. Even if you can cool him and he acts normal, rush him to an emergency clinic because his organs may have already been damaged and death could follow.

Flat-Faced Dogs Brachycephalic dogs—with shorter, pushed-in muzzles, shortened facial bones, and noses that are pushed in and upward—tend to be more heat-sensitive, and their airways can be less efficient at moving air in and out of the lungs and thus more susceptible to overheating. Grebe warns, “Anything that causes brachycephalic dogs to breathe harder places additional stress on their airways, whether it is overheating on a hot day, excitement that causes panting, or exercise that increases the oxygen demand of their muscles, requiring more strenuous breathing.”

Additionally, chronic respiratory challenges tend to cause irritation with more salivation and swelling in the throat, further impairing air movement as passages narrow. Eventually, elasticity of the respiratory system is lost with repeated challenges, and with increased effort to breathe, the walls of the airway may be drawn inward. Grebe explains, “Try pinching your nose shut, close your mouth, and inhale. Feel the walls of your larynx and trachea being sucked in.” Over time, the increased effort to breathe causes a progressive inward collapse of the walls of the larynx, which may be fatal.

“Careful breeding of brachycephalic dogs should make good airways a priority in breeding stock,” Grebe says. Carrie Forsyth, who breeds and shows Pekingese, avoids the problem of overheating by selecting against pinched nostrils and other upper-respiratory abnormalities in her breeding program.

HOW TO AVOID YOUR DOG OVERHEATING

Ensure that your dog has fresh water and shade, with short periods outside in hot weather.

Don't leave your dog in the car—with windows cracked or not. Even on a cool day (mid-60s) the temperature in a closed car rises to 130 F in minutes. The dog's own body temperature increases the heat and moisture (especially for larger breeds), the oxygen is used up, and death can occur within 15 minutes.

Acclimate your dog to hot weather gradually and don't exercise him on hot, humid days. Conditioned sporting dogs, even water retrievers, can overheat if the water is warm.

Make sure your home is cooled on warm days. Install a temperature alarm in your motor home, van, and house that dials your cell phone automatically. Dogs have been lost when air conditioners or power failed unbeknown to the owners.

Don't place a crated dog where there is inadequate ventilation in warm, stagnant air under tents or in poorly ventilated buildings.

Carefully observe elderly dogs, those that are chronically ill, or pets with respiratory inefficiency.

Be vigilant with hair dryers anytime, especially cage dryers.

Although a dog's coat can provide insulation, double coats make a dog more vulnerable to overheating and dark coats absorb heat faster in the sun.

Contact your veterinarian and your breed club and ask about heat sensitivity in your breed

Be Prepared

For preventive measures, she takes cool-packs, towels, ice, and spray bottles wherever she goes with her Pekes in any weather. “You never know when it can become too warm,” Carrie warns. She lobbies for show superintendents to hold classes for brachycephalics in the morning and advises people to bring helpers when showing multiple dogs to watch over them.

If traveling alone, she advises people to carry two sets of car keys, so if they must stop they can lock the car with the air conditioner running for a short time (while keeping the window slightly open as a precaution).

If you think your dog is overheating, Grebe advises that you quickly move him to a cool place and immediately spray cool (not cold or icy) water on the coat, ensuring it reaches the skin. Cold water tends to constrict the surface blood vessels in the skin and this reduces, instead of increases, heat loss.

Use a fan to draw heat from the blood at the body surface, or fan the dog yourself if an electric fan is unavailable.

Wipe the face and muzzle with cool water, and as soon as possible take him to an emergency clinic. Remember, if you are sweating, your dog is already uncomfortable and must work much harder to cool down by panting.

Observe your dog carefully, and if you notice symptoms of overheating, don't wait until it's too late. Take precautions to prevent overheating, but if that fails, take immediate action to prevent a tragedy

LAST CLASSES FOR 2021

BEGINNING OBEDIENCE AND INTERMEDIATE/CGC CLASSES
WILL START SEPTEMBER 23.

SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

WEB SITE: sandiegoobedienceclub.org