



The Tracker

TLGDA Revised Board of Directors & Officer Elections

Kingsland, TX

June 18, 2011

A Texas summer day was ideal for the TLGDA members meeting at Lake LBJ. After a day of family fun in the sun, members gathered for the meeting. Agenda items were discussed, decisions were made and officers elected. The new officers will carry on the tradition of encouraging quality in the breeding, care, training and to do all possible to enhance the natural qualities of the

Texas Lacy Game Dog.

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While attending a Lacy Fun Day or any Lacy event for that matter, did you ever stop to think of what goes on days before, during and after the event? It takes the hard work of several volunteers for a successful event. We would like to lessen the burden from those few hard working lovers of the Lacy Breed and ask for volunteers to make 2011-2012 even more memorable. In the near future pending Board approval, committees will be announced for the more cumbersome of jobs. Come on...take the bull by the horns and volunteer for events and/or committees.

If you would like to learn more about how to volunteer please contact

any of the following officers

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Per the trainer

Starting Your Puppy off Right

People often ask me at what age they should start training their puppy. The answer is immediately!

New puppy owners often make the mistake of endlessly worrying about finding the right accessories, puppy treats, or bed. They spend little or no time thinking about how or what they will teach their new puppy. Yes, a puppy needs nutritious food and a safe, warm place to live, but another equally powerful and important biological necessity is the need for a strong pack leader.

Puppies are naturally hard-wired to follow a pack leader. A pack leader is, by definition, strong, stable, and consistent; traits many new puppy owners forget. Many of my clients are strong leaders in their jobs, but when they come home, they turn to mush with their dogs. Then they come to me puzzled as to why their dog won't behave.

Puppies sense our confidence levels and will take control if they perceive us as weak. When this happens, bad behaviors, such as excessive barking, leash-pulling, or anxiety, will develop.

The most important thing you can do is become your puppy's pack leader. This

role doesn't begin when your dog is six months old or when he's bad. For your puppy to grow into a healthy, balanced dog, you must demonstrate leadership from day one!

Please find SAFE ways to exercise your puppy! Talk to your veterinarian about the risk of long-term bone development problems, parvovirus, and other health issues before implementing an exercise routine.

Cesar Milan

Awards/Births/Weddings/Graduations etc...

section pending member participation

Events

TLGDA Lacy Fun Day-Bay City, TX

Saturday Sept. 17, 2011

9:00 am-4:00 pm

Matagorda Co. Fair Grounds

4511 FM 2668

Bay City, TX 77414-3991

(979)245-2454

COME JOIN THE FUN!

If you missed the fun days in the past, check out this site to see how much FUN they really are!!

<http://2011tlgdamembermeeting.shutterfly.com/>

Full information can be found on the TLGDA forum

RECIPE'S OF THE MONTH

your taste buds will thank you!

MC's Deer Chili

Ingredients

2 lbs deer meat
40 oz red kidney beans
46 oz V-8 juice
3 oz jalapeno peppers
1 tbs sugar
1 tbsp chili powder
1 tbsp cumin
1 /1.2 tbsp onion dry
1/2 tbsp garlic salt
1/2 tbsp red pepper

Brown meat, drain & chop jalapeno.

Drain beans, rinse with cold water & drain again.

Add all ingredients and heat at medium to low heat for 4 hrs.



Grab those

Chili bowls

&

Spoons

and give yourself something to remember!!!

Wendy's Black Eyed Pea Dip

Ingredients

3 cans of black eyed peas
1 large container of fresh pico de galo
1 or 2 fresh jalapeños
1 or 2 avocados
1 bottle of Italian dressing
Large bag of Dipping Fritos

Drain juice and dump peas in large bowl.

Add pico to peas

Chop jalapeños and add

Peel, chop & add avocados

Add dressing

Mix and chill before serving

*Excellent cold dip for that HOT
summer Party!*

Dive in with those large Dipping Fritos
and enjoy !!

Granny's Chocolate Cheesecake

Ingredients

Crust:

1 cup flour
1 stick margarine
1.5 cups chopped pecans
Mix together & press by hand into 9x13 pan
bake 15 mins at 350 degrees

First Layer:

2 cups cool whip
1 8oz pack cream cheese (softened)
1 cup powdered sugar
Mix & put on cooked baked pie crust

Second Layer:

1 4.5 oz package instant choc pudding
1 4.5 oz package instant van pudding mix
Prepare by directions on box, mix together
put on top of 1st layer

Third Layer:

Put cool whip on top & garnish with
chocolate curls

PHOTO's of The Month



Cutter
Owner Mike Chittum/Azle, TX



Jasper
Owner Cynthia Johnson/Louise, TX



Rein
Owner Paul Coffman/Waxahachie, TX



Cooter
Owned by Troup Bishop/Brownwood, TX



Festus
Owner Clay Montgomery/Mingus, TX



Camo
Owner Mara Huss/Big Springs, TX



Harlee
Owner Kenny Wall/League City, TX

*If you want the best
seat in the
house...move the dog!*



Tuff & Calamity Jane
Owner Sandy Harrell/Crosbyton, TX

Dog Tails

Where it all begins!!

Ramblings from a new grandma

Dixie and I spent a lot of time bonding over the past several months. At first I was watching and touching her belly to see if there was any noticeable swelling. True to the words of wisdom from several experienced breeder friends between 4-5 weeks there was no mistaking that she was pregnant!!!! So preparations began in earnest. and I am embarrassed by all of the stuff that I gathered in preparation. Some of the reference books said to have it ready. Honestly, most of it I didn't have to use, thank goodness. My accumulation of midwifery tools included a digital scale, digital thermometer, Tums, Kaopectate, icing, disposable gloves, KY Jelly, camera, batteries, whelping box, piles of newspaper, hemostats, scissors, paper/pen, blankets, towels, bulb suction, goat milk, leash, etc.

I'll skip to the night that Dixie had her pups. It was not the "63" days that I had in my mind. Oh no, it was the 59th. I knew that this was a possibility but I'd been taking her temperature twice a day because the books said that, in most cases, the temp would drop a couple of degrees 24-48 hours prior to delivery. Dixie didn't read the same books that I did and had a different plan.

I came home from work and immediately went to walk her. Here are the clues of her impending labor/delivery that I

missed. She was on her blanket on the floor instead of being inside the whelping box; paper in the box was all messed up; she'd adopted a rubber rooster; didn't seem too eager to get up and go outside and gave me the stink eye when I went to get the rooster. Contrary to some of the books she ate a big dinner. My normal afternoon routine was to sit and spend time loving on her and feeling the babies move. But this day she growled when I placed my hand on her belly. I thought to myself that she sure was grumpy so I decided to just sit beside her, talking nonsense and keeping her company. My husband came home later that evening and walked her again. It was an unusually quick, efficient potty trip. Once back inside she insisted on getting on her blanket on the floor and not in the whelping box. I ate dinner and was watching TV and a very short time later I heard a "squeak". I asked my husband, who was in the other room, had he made "that sound". Nope. So I leapt out of bed, crossed the kitchen and to our surprise there were 4 pups already born..on the floor. One was completely dry and fluffy! Dixie had not made a sound!

I was so stunned that I couldn't even figure out how to work my camera! I got everyone dried off, weighed and finally convinced her to move to the whelping box. They looked so much like wet squirrels and being a few days early I was concerned about their weight.

Thanks to Cynthia and my digital scale I was able to ease my fears. After a very short period of time I saw her have a contraction so I quickly moved the pups to a towel lined box placing them next to her. This let her have plenty of room to deliver and clean up puppy #5. She was speedy. She had the membrane off the pup, cord chewed and placenta eaten before the pup was solidly on the floor. No sooner had she gotten this pup cleaned off then came #6. I'd had every intention of taking the placentas from her but she beat me to them. And true to form she had wretched diarrhea and gas for three days.

Tools to keep On hand

Not everything in my supplies came in handy but here is what did. Digital scale, hemostats, scissors, towels, paper/pen. I didn't have to help break the sacs or the cord but I did trim the cords up since she was pulling, cleaning and worrying with them.

Thanks to Cynthia, Marlo, Sandy and Karen Wright we've made it through week #1. Dixie and pups are doing great!

Submitted by Rebecca Ferrell



Do you ID your livestock, pet or belongings?

Do you or your family have a livestock brand ?

Send me a picture!

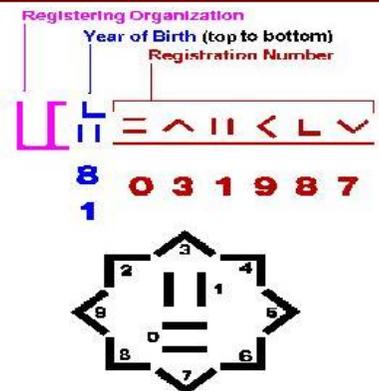
My favorites are running down the neck of the Wild Mustangs!



Courage is being scared to death and saddling up anyway!

John Wayne

Some are hard to read but can you read this one...refer to the key to read the Alpha Angle Symbol



History Lesson

Did you know...

4 brothers Frank, George Ewin and Harry Lacy started the Lacy breed in the 1800's

History states the Lacys are the descendents of crossing Greyhounds, scent hounds and coyote.

What traits are prevalent in your Lacy?

State Symbols

TEXAS

Bird-Mockingbird
Dog Breed- Blue Lacy
Flower-Bluebonnet
Plant-Prickly Pear Cactus
Reptile-Horned Lizard
Small Mammal-9 banded Armadillo

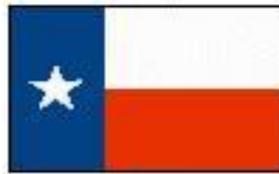


Texas Motto

“Friendship”

Texas History Quiz (answers in next months news letter)

1. Which President of the U. S. was born in Texas?
2. What is the highest point in Texas?
3. What is the motto of the State of Texas?



Texas State Flag

The official artwork created for the Lone Star Flag approved by President Lamar was drawn by Peter Krag.

Letters from ...

I would like to thank all of the officers and board members that served the last term and to acknowledge their efforts and passion for the association and this great breed. It is appreciated and I know that our new officers and board members will do everything they can to fill their predecessors shoes.

With that being said, I am very excited to serve as President of the TLGDA and know that all of the new officers and board members feel the same way. I would like to challenge all of our members to join us in the excitement by becoming as involved as your time allows. The association is only as strong as its members, so we welcome all members from all four corners to volunteer to help push us forward. I also think it is important to remember that all members, officers and board of directors are here because they choose to be. There is no paycheck, no paid vacations, no sick days and no insurance, but make no mistake, there are benefits for compensation. Our Lacy's!!
When you stop and think about it, we are all over paid...

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Believe you can and you're halfway there.

Theodore Roosevelt

Editor's chat

I hope you all have enjoyed the newsletter!

I look forward to providing as much information as you allow me to share.

Please keep in mind the success of this newsletter is dependent on the participation of **ALL TLGDA** members regardless of location.

The main focus is the Lacy Breed but we want to hear about your experiences, enjoy your pictures and eat those good ole home cooked recipes.

Canine health tips are always welcome as well as any suggested

educational material from basic obedience to advanced working dog activities.

If you have questions, information, suggestions or would just like to chat please contact me,

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*in the event of incorrect details, names, etc...please contact me for corrections on future publications

FYI-Rattlesnake Vaccines Basics

THE PROBLEM OF RATTLESNAKE BITES:

Venomous snakes bite about 150,000 dogs and cats every year. Dogs and cats are about 20 times more likely to be bitten by venomous snakes than people and are about 25 times more likely to die if bitten. A dog or cat is about 300 times more likely to be bitten by a venomous snake than to get rabies. Snake bites are life threatening, extremely painful, expensive to treat, and can cause permanent damage even when the dogs survive.

VACCINATION PROTOCOL:Initially, a dog should receive two subcutaneous

doses about 30 days apart. Dogs over 100 lbs or under 25 lbs may benefit from a three dose initial series. It is best to give vaccination boosters about 30 days before beginning of exposure to rattlesnakes. Protection peaks about 30 to 45 days after boosters and lasts about six months. **SAFETY OF VACCINE:** Rattlesnake vaccine has been on the market since 2003 and is a standard of veterinary care for dogs at high risk for rattlesnake bites. It is listed in the American Animal Health Association's 2006 canine vaccination guidelines. It is conditionally licensed by the USDA and is recommended in over 4,000 veterinary hospitals nationwide. It is highly

recommended by VPI, the largest pet insurance company in America. Over 500,000 doses have been used in over 100,000 dogs. Antivenin is not contraindicated because the vaccine uses no horse or sheep products.

SIDE EFFECTS:Adverse events are reported in far fewer than one percent of all vaccinated dogs. Most of these side effects are mild and need no veterinary care. Injection site lumps can be treated with hot moist compresses, antibiotics, and pain relief medication if necessary. Systemic reactions (typically flu like symptoms) are reported in fewer than one in 3,000 vaccinates and usually self-resolve in two to three days.



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An organization committed to preserving and
advancing the rare and amazing breed,
The Lacy Game Dog

YES we are on the web!
<http://lacydog.com>

Sporting toys!
send pics of yours



Birds eye view



Ready to Roll

Links of Interest & Books

CANINE

<http://www.texasbloodtrackers.com/>

http://www.doglovertees.com/blue_lacy.html

<http://x-tremeoutdoors.com/>

Books

*Tracking Dogs For Finding Wounded Deer
by John Jeanneney

*Dog Owner's Home Veterinary Handbook
by James M. Giffin

EQUINE

<http://www.rodeo2.com/index.php>

<http://www.texashorsepark.com/>

<http://www.actha.us/>

Books

*Connect with your horse from the Ground Up
by Peggy Cummings

*True Horsemanship Through Feel
by Bill Dorrance & Leslie Desmond

*Think Harmony with Horses
by Ray Hunt