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The Lone Star GSP Club

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Applause!! Applause!! Applause!!

Today, the members of our Club united together to host our 31st annual snake avoidance training seminar. This was truly the largest outpouring of Club support at any function other than a Christmas Party. I was accused of experiencing too much sun and possible heat stroke when I announced that 22 Club members had turned out to help. I have to apologize, as I was wrong with this count. After a re-count, we actually had 23 Club members partaking in the running of this event!

Not only were we successful in the number of helpers, we were also successful with a profit of \$2,124.90. In the July heat, 76 dogs went through the de-snaking procedure in record time. We were packed up and pulling out before 1:15 pm.

Special thanks to Grant Stanfill for his hospitality. Grant was so gracious to allow us to hold the clinic at his home in Ovilla. It was an awesome location with plenty of parking and lots of shade. Grant supplied us with a huge industrial fan which was enjoyed by all who were waiting their turn as well as the resting members. So Grant, thank you, thank you! You always take that extra step for the Club and we are all so appreciative!

More thanks to the members who donated items for the cause. For fear that I might miss someone, I'm going to refrain from actually printing names but with or without your name in print, you are all very much appreciated. Cold water was in abundance, other donated items... ice, donuts, sausage rolls and the newspaper ads.

Thanks to the members who contacted the sports guys to make announcements about our event. In fact, Billy Kinder was able to stop by after his morning radio show where he did another pitch for us. Several people told me they heard about us on Billy's blog!

Today's participation was exactly what being in a Club is all about. I want to personally thank each and every one of you who came out!! I have been newly inspired by the camaraderie shown today. Thank you all for re-instilling my faith in our organization!

P.S. If it makes any of the dogs feel better, one of the snakes died!

Snake Avoidance Seminar P & L

July 24, 2010

Income:		Expenses:	
76 dogs @ \$45	\$ 3,420.00	Insurance (split w/GCGSP)	\$ 196.10
		Hotel (J. Weslow)	52.00
		Snake Handler	1,047.00
Total Income:	\$ 3,420.00	Total Expenses:	\$ 1,295.10

TOTAL PROFIT \$ 2,124.90

August Meeting

The August meeting is scheduled for August 19th at Double Dave's Pizzaworks, 7pm in Arlington.

Walking Field Trial P & L Statement

April 10 & 11, 2010

Income:		Expenses:		
Amt Gun Dog	6 @ \$45	\$ 270	Birds	\$ 337
Open Derby	8 @ \$45	\$ 360	Ribbons	\$ 170
Open Puppy	4 @ \$40	\$ 200	Trophies	\$ 210
Open Gundog	4 @ \$45	\$ 180	Grounds	\$ 370
Amt Derby	9 @ \$45	\$ 405	Judges Travel	\$ 40
Amt Puppy	5 @ \$40	\$ 200	Judges Hotel	\$ 0
Lunch		<u>\$ 70</u>	Judges Gifts	\$ 120
			Judges Horses	\$ 0
			AKC–Application	\$ 25
			AKC – Rec. Fee	\$ 141
			Am. Field	\$ 125
			Hospitality	<u>\$ 113</u>
Total Income:		\$1685	Total Expenses	\$1651

TOTAL PROFIT: \$34

Best Joke I've received in awhile.....How To Be A (Gracious) Bitch

Jennifer's wedding day was fast approaching. Nothing could dampen her excitement - not even her parent's nasty divorce. Her mother had found the PERFECT dress to wear, and would be the best-dressed mother-of-the-bride ever!

A week later, Jennifer was horrified to learn that her father's new, young wife had bought the exact same dress as her mother! Jennifer asked her father's new young wife to exchange it, but she refused. "Absolutely not! I look like a million bucks in this dress, and I'm wearing it," she replied.

Jennifer told her mother who graciously said, "Never mind sweetheart. I'll get another dress. After all, it's your special day." A few days later, they went shopping, and did find another gorgeous dress for her mother. When they stopped for lunch, Jennifer asked her mother, "Aren't you going to return the other dress? You really don't have another occasion where you could wear it." Her mother just smiled and replied, "Of course I do, dear... I'm wearing it to the rehearsal dinner the night before the wedding."

2010 NGSPA Dog of the Year Standings (revised 6/7/10)

Amateur Shooting Dog

#3 Vogelsang's Toby von Blitz 7 points
Owner: David Vogelsang

Shooting Dog

#2 Timberland Savannah Chip 6 points
Owner: Don Kidd

Ribbon Recycling – Worthy Cause

I have a friend of a friend who rides hunter horses and shows Swissies has started a charity that donates used ribbons to therapeutic riding facilities. They take dog and horse ribbons and trim the show info off and replace or cover the button and use them for the patients and students at these facilities.

I know a lot of you, like me, have years worth of ribbons in boxes or collecting dust - this is a great way to put them to an awesome use. All you have to do is stick them in a box and mail them to her - they do the rest.

If you'd like to visit her website, it's www.ribbonrecycling.com, or just box them up and mail them to Ribon Recycling, Attn: Sue M. Copeland, 4802 Hunterwood Circle, Richmond, TX. 77406.

Lipomas

By Jeff Grognet, D.V.M. (reprint from dogsincanada.com 2010)

Many older dogs develop lumps. Some of these tumors are bad news; malignancies capable of spreading throughout the body. But, if you can detect a lump under the skin, it's far more likely to be a benign lipoma; a "good news" tumor.

Lipomas originate from normal, healthy fat tissue. For some unknown reason, a few microscopic cells suddenly decide to grow out of control. At first, the lump is undetectable. Eventually, it forms a solitary, small, soft lump. These tumors can be anywhere on the body, but most commonly you find them on the lower chest or abdomen.

Characteristically, lipomas are moveable; you can grasp them and move them around under the skin. However, if a lipoma grows under a muscle sheet, it can feel quite firm and hard to push around.

Lipomas rarely need treatment, but may need to be removed if they are in a bad location or too large. For example, if one grows in the armpit, it can cause the leg to angle out, stressing joints and triggering lameness. Also, if it's so big that it doesn't allow the dog to lie down properly, removal is the best option for the dog.

If a lump is detected, and even though you think it is a lipoma, it should be tested. A malignancy called a mast cell tumor (MCT) can feel just like a lipoma and, if it isn't removed in the early stages, can cause death.

To figure out the type of tumor you're dealing with, your veterinarian simply inserts a needle, pulls out a few cells, smears them on a slide, and sends the slide to a pathologist. This specialist can determine if it's a lipoma or another tumor, and what risk it is to the dog.

Lipomas can also occur inside the abdomen or chest, hidden from view. Because these are usually missed until they are quite large, they can sometimes cause problems by compressing an organs or interfering with the blood supply.

There is also a rare aggressive variant of the lipoma. An infiltrative lipoma is still considered benign, yet it grows into and through muscle, nerves and even into joints. To eliminate this tumor, amputation may be required if it is on a leg, or complicated surgery may be needed if it's growing on the torso. Radiation therapy can also be useful.

If you find a lump under the skin, for ease of mind, have it tested. This tells you if you can relax or if action needs to be taken.