

Rio Grande Valley Golden Retriever Club

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May, 2008

Golden Moments!



Fun Match Recognitions!



Volunteers!

Kate, Don, Lynn, Mary Ann, Gin,

Diane, Phillip, Dru, Mike, Cindy, Susan, Barb

Special Thanks to the Judges!

Patricia Williams, Jane Winkler, Evi Fox and Gloria,

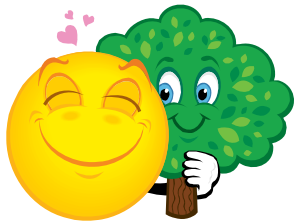
Marsha Sullivan

Protect Your Pooch from Heat Stroke!



Did you know?

Temperatures inside a car can soar to over 150 degrees in a matter of minutes, turning the inside of your car into an oven?



Heat stroke doesn't only happen in cars. It can also happen in your own backyard, just by leaving your dog outside in the sun with no access to shelter or shade.

If your dog must be outside, make sure there is plenty of water available as well as a shady area where it can go to get out of the sun.

Signs & Symptoms

Rapid Breathing through the mouth, increased heart and pulse rate, reddened gums or purple tongue, vomiting, thickened saliva, a dull staring expression and bloody diarrhea.

Medical Treatment

You must act immediately to bring the dog's body temperature down, cooling it from the inside out.

Move the dog inside or to a cooler, shady area and get the dog some cool (not cold) water to drink. If water isn't available, let the dog lick ice cubes.

Apply cool water all over the dog's body.

GET THE DOG TO THE VET!

Heat stroke always requires immediate veterinary attention.

Stop your dog from jumping!

There are two basic reasons as to why a dog will jump up on people, dominance and attention-seeking.

Dealing with Jumping:

Consistency is critical when dealing with jumping. You cannot permit your dog to leap up on you some days, and get angry with him on other occasions. If you're going to teach him not to jump up on you, you need to be prepared to react the same way every time. Other members of the household should also follow the same rule.

Teaching your dog not to jump:

When your dog starts jumping, completely ignore him. Give him the cold shoulder by turning your body completely away, turn your face, and break eye contact. Remember, don't react at all. As soon as all four paws are on the ground, praise him by giving treats and shower him with praise.

Digging Problems?

1. Take preventative measures. A dog that has no unsupervised access to your yard or certain areas of it has no opportunity to destroy your yard.
2. Use a natural deterrent. Except in the case of dogs who like to eat poop. Most dogs will stop digging by the presence of dog poop. All you have to do is scoop up a bit of solid waste and place it in a current hole.
3. Make the dirt unappealing. Sprinkling cayenne pepper over areas prone to being dug up is an effective way to stop that part of the yard being targeted. Reduce the amount of cayenne pepper overtime.
4. Allocate your dog a section of your property where digging is allowed. One idea is to buy (or build) a deep sandbox, and fill it with a mixture of sand, earth, and grass for him to dig in. When you catch him digging in an off-limits part of the yard, immediately correct him and redirect him to the sandbox. When he starts to dig there, praise him and give him a treat.
5. Wear your dog out before you leave him alone. Take him for as long a walk.
6. Invest in some toys that will keep your dog active and occupied during your absence.
7. Companionship gives him plenty of exercise and is effective in keeping your dog happy and free from boredom.

Announcements / Meeting Minutes

In order to reduce this size of the New Letter file, please see attachment for the March Meeting minutes.



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Reminder!

Garage Sale will be held at Mary Ann Bosworth's on Friday and Saturday June 6th and 7th. Club members are urged to start collecting items for the sale now! More details to follow.

Club meeting!

Next meeting will be held on Sunday May 18, 2008, west side of Hoffman Park at 1:30. Agenda: Fun Match Results and Garage Sale Details

More Fun Match Photos!



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Congratulations to Barb and Caeli!

Caeli got her CDX!



And placed 4th & 2nd in her first open obedience trial!

Birthday Wishes!

