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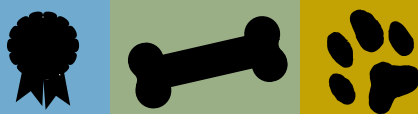
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*See the full story below right.*

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## 2013 Specialty Shows Update

Plans for the 2013 MESC Specialties are nearly complete. The Back-to-Back Specialties will be held on Thursday and Friday, August 22-23, 2013, at the Washington County Fairgrounds in the Poultry Building. The Specialties will include Obedience, Rally, Puppy Sweepstakes and Conformation judging. We will also host a picnic supper on Thursday and a breakfast-brunch on Friday.

Here are our judges for this year:

Thursday

Breed and Juniors – Mrs. Judy Webb

Sweepstakes – Mrs. Carol Hathaway

Obedience and Rally – Mrs. Karen Anderson

Friday:

Breed and Juniors – Mrs. Eva Berg

Sweepstakes – Mr. Jim Fehring

Obedience and Rally -- TBD

St. Croix Valley Kennel Club announced this week that the trophy list for the St. Croix Valley shows will not be in the premium list this year, as they are doing a condensed premium list. Onofrio will be preparing a separate list of trophies with the information that used to be printed in the premium list. This list will be available upon request to Onofrio. However, the list of trophies with the needed information will be in the catalog. This change was made because the premium list was getting too large and was too expensive to mail. It also accounted for some delays in production.

I encourage everyone to participate even if you are not showing. We can use your help as stewards, setting up the trophies, serving the picnic supper and in other ways. Come for the fun and enjoy the camaraderie.

**2013 MESC Specialty Shows**  
**Thursday, August 22nd and Friday, August 23rd**

## Therapy Dog helping Sandy Hook Elementary

Pictured on the front cover is Cooper, and his owner, Sharon McDermott working at the memorial just outside Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT on December 26, 2012. Cooper is a son of Laddie (Chieftain of Highmoor UD MH). Laddie is owned by club members John and Sandy Hudson.

Cooper, who is 5 or 6 years old now, was bred by Steve Sheller of Stevens Classic Setters in Clinton, IA. He is by our Chieftain of Highmoor UD MH, bred by Keith and Judy Rich of Sundog Setters in Durand, MI (Laird of Highmoor UD MH x Sundog Cheyenne Roan) and out of Steve Sheller's Ames Bell Ellie bred by Jason Gooding of Baldwin, WI (Goodgoing Ryman Ames x Goodgoing Classic Bell).

Cooper was purchased as a puppy by Tim and Sharon McDermott, who also own an older (about 10 years) orange field-type setter bitch named Callie. Callie is Tim's pride and joy in the field, so Sharon made quite sure that Cooper was to be her dog to be used for obedience and therapy dog work. When Tim expressed a desire to see what Cooper could do in the field, Sharon agreed on the condition that Tim teach her to hunt, so she could go along and handle Cooper. They try to get back to Cooper's home state of Iowa every year around Thanksgiving for a week of pheasant hunting with Sheller and his numerous setters, all of whom work on the weekends with Sheller who guides professionally at Beckridge Hunting Preserve just a short distance from Clinton, IA.

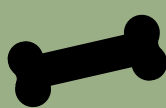
## Save the Dates

- **MAY, 2013 (Date TBD)**  
**All Breed Obedience**  
**Fun Match**  
 Bloomington Obedience  
 Training Club  
 8127 Pleasant Ave. So,  
 Bloomington MN 55420
- **APRIL 20 & 21, 2013**  
**Hunt Test at**  
**Good Go Ing Kennels**  
 Baldwin, WI
- **AUGUST 22 & 23, 2013**  
**MESC Specialty Shows**  
 Washington Cty Frngds,  
 Lake Elmo, MN

## Upcoming Shows

	SHOW DATES	CLOSING DATE
<b>HEART OF IOWA KENNEL CLUB</b> Fairgrounds Marshalltown, IA Judges: Sat/Dana P Cline Sun/Mr. Stephen J Hubbell Superintendent – Onofrio Dog Shows	April 27 & 28, 2013	April 10, 2013
<b>INDIANHEAD KENNEL CLUB</b> Eau Claire County Fair Grounds • Eau Claire, WI Judges: Sat/Mr. Brian Meyer Sun/Ms. Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine Superintendent – royjonesdogshows.com	May 11 & 12, 2013	April 24, 2013
<b>KEY CITY KENNEL CLUB</b> Nicollet County Fairgrounds • St. Peter, MN Judges: Sat/James G Reynolds Sun/Mrs. Shirley D Limoges Superintendent – Onofrio Dog Shows	May 25 & 26, 2013	May 8, 2013
<b>FARGO-MOORHEAD KENNEL CLUB</b> Red River Valley Fairgrounds • West Fargo, ND Judges: Friday/Mr. Edd E Bivin Sat/Dr. Alan C Santos M.D. Sun/Mrs. Gloria Geringer Superintendent – Onofrio Dog Shows	May 31, June 1 & 2, 2013	May 15, 2013
<b>LAKE MINNETONKA KENNEL CLUB</b> Scott County Fairgrounds • Jordan, MN Judges: Sat/Mrs. Christina Hubbell Sun/Mr. Stephen J Hubbell Superintendent – Onofrio Dog Shows	June 8 & 9, 2013	May 22, 2013
<b>KETTLE MORRAINE ENGLISH SETTER CLUB</b> Winnegamie Dog Club Training Center Menasha, WI Judges: Fri/TBD Sat/TBD Show Secretary – mackenziedream@yahoo.com	June 21 & 22, 2013	June 5, 2013
<b>ANOKA COUNTY KENNEL CLUB</b> Isanti County Fairgrounds • Cambridge, MN Judges: Thurs/Dr. John A Reeve-Newson Fri/Ms. Gloria Kerr Superintendent – Onofrio Dog Shows	June 20 & 21, 2013	June 5, 2013
<b>CAMBRIDGE KENNEL CLUB</b> Isanti County Fairgrounds • Cambridge, MN Judges: Sat/Mrs. Faye Strauss Sun/Mr. Robert J Shreve Superintendent – Onofrio Dog Shows	June 22 & 23, 2013	June 5, 2013

*Please double check all dates with the show superintendent before entering.*



## 2012 MESC ANNUAL AWARDS

### EXCALIBUR TROPHY ENGLISH SETTER OF THE YEAR

**Winner:** GCH Aerden's Pretty In Pink JH  
(Owners: Laurie Engel, Rose Miller, Vito Ciaravino & Brian Silbernagel)  
**Runner-up:** Ch Set'R Ridges National Pride N Glory (Owners: Pam & Amy Miller)  
**2011 Winner:** CH Benmers Show stopper JH (Owner: Susan Anne Bosshart)

### RAYBAR TROPHY BOS TO ENGLISH SETTER OF THE YEAR

**Winner:** Ch Set'R Ridge's National Pride N Glory (Owners: Pam & Amy Miller)  
**Runner-up:** GCH Briarstone Marquis Of Excelyn (Owner Lynn Amacher-Malm)  
**2011 Winner:** None

### CHANDELLE TROPHY BREEDER OF THE YEAR

**Winner:** Laurie Engel and Rose Miller  
**Runner-up:** Susan Anne Bosshart  
**2011 Winner:** Susan Anne Bosshart

### MARKSMAN TROPHY WINNERS DOG AWARD

**Winner:** CH Set'R Ridge's National Pride N Glory (owners: Pam & Amy Miller)  
**Runner-up:** None  
**2011 Winner:** CH Set'r Ridge's Trade Mark JH (Pam & Amy Miller)

### XCEPTIONELL TROPHY WINNERS BITCH AWARD

**Winner:** CH Aerden's Lady Slipper (Owners: Laurie Engel & Rose Miller)  
**Runners-up:** Aerden's Rhythm & Blue RN (Owner: Andrea Holste)  
Aerden's Surprise Party (Owner: Andrea Holste)  
**2011 Winner:** CH Benmer's Show Stopper JH (Owner: Susan Anne Bosshart)

### CEDAR HILLS TROPHY FIELD TRIAL AWARD

*No applicant*

### JANRICK TROPHY OBEDIENCE AWARD

**Winner:** CH Aerden's Made You Look BN (mean= 198.75) (Owner: Rose Miller)  
**Runner-up:** CH Aerden's Talk Of The Town GN, RN, JH (mean=197.5)  
(Owner: Rose Miller)  
**2011 Winner:** CH Aerden's Talk Of The Town CD, RN, JH (Owner: Rose Miller)

### SUNNYBRAE TROPHY AMATEUR HANDLER OF THE YEAR

**Winner:** Susan Anne Bosshart  
**Runner-up:** Lynn Amacher-Malm  
**2011 Winner:** Susan Anne Bosshart

### CARRIAGE HILLS TROPHY JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP AWARD

*No Applicant*

### PAUL SCHOENACK TROPHY BEST PUPPY AWARD

*No applicant*

**2011 Winner:** CH Benmers Show Stopper JH (Owner: Susan Anne Bosshart)

The English Setter heads have arrived! Viking trophy is currently working on the bowls and plates for the plaques. We encourage people to enter the Key City KC show in St. Peter on May 25 (closes May 8) If attending Jane will bring the bowls and plaques to the show. We could even possibly plan a picnic for those in attendance.



## 2012 ANNUAL AWARDS – AKC Title Plaques

### Conformation

#### CHAMPION

**CH Aerden's Made You Look BN.** SR57616205. 6/28/09.

Breeders: Laurie Engel and Rose Miller; Owner: Rose Miller.

By CH Honeygait Wilsonlake On The Rocks x CH Aerden's Royal Treasure.

**CH Set'R Ridge's National Pride N Glory.** SR66659803. 12/26/2010.

Breeder: Melissa Newman; Owners: Pam and Amy Miller.

By CH Set'r Ridge's Going For Gold x CH AFC Set'R Ridge's Everlasting MH.

#### GRAND CHAMPION

**GCH Benmers Show Stopper JH.** SR63273401. 6/6/10.

Breeder/Owner: Susan Anne Bosshart.

By CH Aerden's Made You Look BN x CH Benmers Gone With The Win JH.

**GCH Briarstone Marquis Of Excelyn.** SR50763303. 1/17/08.

Breeder: Margaret Steingart; Owner: Lynn Amacher-Malm.

By CH Artizoe Billboard Chart Topper x CH Briarstone's Someday Soon.

#### GRAND CHAMPION (BRONZE)

**GCH(Bronze) CH Admiralty's The Traveler.** SR43806301. 7/14/07.

Breeders: B.J. and Jack Kasiski; Owners: Tammie J Calvert and B.J. Kasiski.

By CH Admiralty's Full Speed Ahead x Admiralty's Voyager.

### Obedience

#### BEGINNER NOVICE

**Dolly RN, BN.** PAL250194. Owner: Margaret A. Lebevre

**CH Aerden's Made You Look BN.** SR57616205. 6/28/09.

Breeders: Laurie Engel and Rose Miller; Owner: Rose Miller.

By CH Honeygait Wilsonlake On The Rocks x CH Aerden's Royal Treasure.

#### GRADUATE NOVICE

**CH Aerden's Talk Of The Town GN, JH.** SR52011410. 7/24/08.

Breeders: Laurie Engel and Rose Miller; Owner: Rose Miller.

By CH Set'r Ridge Winning Colors x Aerden's Chatterbox.

#### RALLY NOVICE

**Aerden's Rhythm & Blue RN.** SR45538504. 7/27/07.

Breeders: Laurie Engel and Rose Miller; Owner: Andrea Holste.

By CH Set'r Ridge's Black Gold RE, UD, JH x CH Aerden's Triple Blessing.

### Hunting Tests

#### JUNIOR HUNTER

**Pipe Major Of Highmoor JH.** SR69908801. 4/18/2011.

Breeder: Jason Gooding; Owners: Sandra Hudson and John Hudson.

By Pinecoble Reed x Goodgoing Classic Lucy.

**Benmer's Hey Jude JH.** SR63273402. 6/6/10.

Breeder: Susan Anne Bosshart; Owners: Elizabeth Burrows and Charlotte Conway.

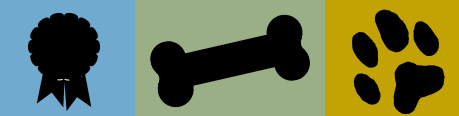
By CH Aerden's Made You Look BN x CH Benmers Gone With The Win JH.

#### MASTER HUNTER

**Weatherby Trail Magic MH.** SR10597907. 8/23/03.

Breeders/Owners: Frank and Nancy Spaeth.

By Weatherby Bits O Kole MH x Grouse Hills Addi.



Hunt test premium lists are available via our **club website**. Entries close April 17th.



## 2013 Hunt Test Judging Assignments

### Saturday, April 20, 2013

Robert Pflipsen  
Master/Senior/Junior

Frank Spaeth  
Master/Senior/Junior

### Sunday, April 21, 2013

Robert Pflipsen  
Master/Senior/Junior

Bradley Kernan  
Master/Senior/Junior

### Directions to Good Go Ing Kennels:

*From Interstate 94, take exit 16 for Cty. Rd. T at Hammond - Go north on Cty. Rd. T, 3.4 miles through the town of Hammond. Stay to the right (just past Hammond Golf Course) to stay on Cty. Rd. T, 2.1 miles. Turn right on 110th Ave. 1.0 miles. Turn left to stay on 110th Ave, .2 miles. Turn left on 192nd St. 0.8 miles. Hunt test will be at the end of the dead end road.*

## MESC Hunt Test – April 20 & 21, 2013

The club will be holding its hunt tests on Saturday, April 20 and Sunday, April 21 at Good Go Ing Kennels in Baldwin WI. These tests are open to all AKC recognized pointing breeds. So pass the word to all of your pointing dog friends. Even if you are not competing please plan on coming out and showing your support for those that are.

### WE WILL NEED MANY VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS.

**Food:** Sherrill Neuahl will make chili for Saturday and pulled pork or chicken sandwiches for Sunday. Sandy Hudson will bring bean hotdish for Sunday. **Any and all dishes are welcome. If you are coming out and are able to bring a dish to share on Saturday or Sunday please contact Sandy Hudson and let her know what you are able to bring.**

**Birds:** Julie Luck and Andrea Holste will be planting birds. The Master Hunter test will begin at 8:00 a.m., so we need to have people there by 7:15 a.m. to **help catch quail** from the pens.

**Marshalls:** We might also need club members to **marshall**. This consists of keeping the gallery — people who want to walk along and watch the dogs run — behind the judges and the horses. If you have ever wanted to enter a hunt test, marshalling the gallery is the next best thing and a great way to learn about hunt tests and handling in the field.

**Other Jobs:** We need people to act as **record keepers, runners from the judges to record keepers, folks to help clean up after the event is over**, many of these positions are able to be learned on the job. The hunt tests are fun and we always receive compliments on our hospitality, which is a very good thing for our club.

The club board passed the following club guideline last year and it goes as follows, at the conclusion of the test club members who wish to run their dogs on “scratch birds” may do so for free providing they have either entered their dog(s) or have worked at the event. In the interest of fairness people who have entered or worked will receive first priority. If you have not entered you will need to sign a release form with Good Go Ing Kennels. If you have not worked or entered the event you may come and run your dog for a fee of \$35.00. These runs on scratch birds are not judged. Sandy has a sign up sheet for the after event runs please check in with her before you run your dog. At the conclusion of the event extra quail will be for sale, contact Sandy for bird purchases.

We look forward to great turnout.

**THE CLUB WILL HOST A JUDGE'S DINNER  
7:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY NIGHT - APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**AT  
THE ORCHARD GRILL AND BAR  
571 HIGHWAY 63, BALDWIN, WI  
EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND.**

## Hunting Test Expectations

### HUNT TEST TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Willow Creek will be offering 2 Hunt Test Training sessions Free to the Public - *just pay for any birds (chukars) you might want to use*

Saturday, April 6  
9 am - 12 noon

Saturday, April 13  
9 am - 12 noon

\* Training is free  
chukars are \$12 each

contact:  
willowcreekkennels@  
hotmail.com  
or Text (320-360-3603)  
best for answering  
questions.

Willow Creek Kennels  
22545 195th Ave  
Little Falls, MN 56345  
320-360-3603

### JUNIOR HUNTING TEST —

A junior dog must show a keen desire to hunt, be bold and independent, have a fast yet attractive manner of hunting and demonstrate not only intelligence in seeking objectives, but also the ability to find game. A junior dog must establish point, but no additional credit shall be given for steadiness to wing and shot. If the handler is in reasonable gun range of a bird which has been flushed after a point, a blank cartridge must be fired by the handler. Junior dogs must hold point until the handler gets within normal gunshot range. Junior dogs must also show reasonable obedience to their handler's commands. A "flash" point cannot be graded as pointing. A dog may be restrained (collared) to prevent interference with the dog on point.

### SENIOR HUNTING TEST —

Senior dogs must show all the attributes of a junior dog. In addition the dog must be steady to wing and must remain in position until the bird is shot or they are released. A senior dog must retrieve, but need not deliver to hand. Whenever it encounters its bracemate on point, it must honor, but may be given a verbal command to do so. A senior dog must acknowledge that its bracemate is on point before it is cautioned to honor. A senior dog must stop on a wild flush, but may be given a verbal command to do so. If a senior dog does not have the opportunity to demonstrate its ability to retrieve or honor during the running of the brace, it will be called back to demonstrate these abilities, provided the dog is in a position to receive a qualifying score. Senior dogs which render a bird unfit for the table or which steals their bracemate's point will not receive a qualifying score.

### MASTER HUNTING TEST —

Master Hunting dogs must give a finished performance and demonstrate clearly that it deserves to be qualified as such. This is the complete hunting companion that any hunter would be proud to own. It must be under its handler's control at all times, and handle kindly with a minimum of noise and hacking by the handler. A master hunting dog must show a keen desire to hunt. The dog must hunt for its handler at all times at a range suitable for a handler on foot, and should show or check in front of its handler frequently. It must cover adequate ground but never range out of sight for a length of time that would detract from its usefulness as a practical hunting companion. The dog must locate game, must point staunchly, and must be steady to wing and shot on all birds, and if it breaks it cannot receive a qualifying score. Intelligent use of the wind and terrain in locating game, accurate nose and intensity on point are essential. Whenever it encounters a bracemate on point, it must honor. A dog that steals its bracemate's point cannot receive a qualifying score. A master hunting dog must positively demonstrate its steadiness to wing and shot. The handler shall not command or signal the dog to retrieve until positive steadiness has been demonstrated. The dog must retrieve promptly, tenderly and absolutely to hand.

Complete rules and regulations can be found at:  
[www.akc.org/rules/hunting\\_pointing\\_breeds.cfm](http://www.akc.org/rules/hunting_pointing_breeds.cfm)

### FOR YOUR SAFETY

All handlers and gallery members must wear an article of blaze orange. NO EXCEPTIONS!



## What Is TDI?

Therapy Dogs International (TDI®) is a volunteer group organized to provide qualified handlers and their Therapy Dogs for visitations to institutions, facilities, and any other place where Therapy Dogs are needed. TDI is a non-profit organization and there is no charge for visitations. All funds are derived from Associate Membership dues. Donations or bequests are welcome. The primary objective of the TDI dog and handler is to provide comfort and companionship by sharing the dog with the patients in hospitals, nursing homes and other institutions and wherever else the Therapy Dog is needed. This is done in a way that increases emotional well-being, promotes healing, and improves the quality of life for the people being visited and the staff that cares for these people.

## TDI Test Requirements

### **DEMONSTRATING CONFIDENCE AND CONTROL, THE DOG MUST COMPLETE THESE 13 STEPS OF THE TDI TEST.**

(Note: At check-in, before beginning Test 1, the owner must present a current rabies certificate and any other state or locally required inoculation certificates and licenses.)

#### **Phase I**

*The dog must wear either a flat buckle or snap-in collar (non corrective) or a harness (non-corrective), all testing must be on a 6ft leash.\**

#### **TEST 1: TDI ENTRY TABLE (Simulated as a Hospital Reception Desk)**

The dog/handler teams are lined up to be checked in (simulating a visit). The evaluator ("volunteer coordinator") will go down the line of registrants and greet each new arrival including each dog. At the same time the collars must be checked, as well as nails, ears and grooming. This is to simulate the arrival at a facility where the coordinator first greets the visiting dog team and instructs the handler on proper grooming before a therapy dog visit. The dogs must permit the evaluator to check the collar, all 4 paws, ears and tail which must be lifted if applicable. The dog must be friendly and outgoing upon meeting the evaluator, willing to visit without being invasive and show impeccable manners.

#### **TEST 2: CHECK-IN AND OUT OF SIGHT**

The handler is asked to complete the paperwork and check in. At that time a helper will ask the handler if he/she can help by holding the dog. If the handler prefers he/she can go with the helper and places the dog with a stay command. The dog will be out of sight of the handler. Another helper will take charge of the dog. The helper can talk to and pet the dog. The dog can sit, lie down, stand or walk around within the confine of the leash.

#### **TEST 3: GETTING AROUND PEOPLE**

As the dog/handler team walks toward the patients' rooms, there should be various people standing around. Some of the people will try visiting with the dog. The dog/handler team must demonstrate that the dog can withstand the approach of several people at the same time and is willing to visit and to walk around a group of people.

#### **TEST 4: GROUP SIT/STAY**

The evaluator will ask all the participants to line up with their \*If the dog is on a longer leash, a knot must be made in the leash to mark 6 ft. The handler must drop the excessive leash. dogs in a heel position (w/dog on left), with 8 ft. between each team. Now the handlers will put their dogs in a sit/stay position. The Evaluator will tell the handlers to leave their dogs. Handlers step out to the end of their 6 ft. leash and wait for the evaluator's command to return to their dogs.

#### **TEST 5: GROUP DOWN/STAY**

Same as test number 4, except dogs will now be in a down/stay. The dogs must stay in place as ordered. These exercises will show how well the dog responds when other dogs are present.

#### **TEST 6: RECALL ON A 20 FT. LEASH**

All handlers will be seated. Three dogs at a time will be fitted with a long line. One handler at a time will take the dog to a designated area and down the dog. Upon the command from the evaluator the handler will tell the dog to stay. The handler will walk to the end of the 20 ft. line, turn around and upon a command from the evaluator will recall the dog. For all practical purposes the recall is one of the most important obedience exercises for the dog to master. If a dog does not come when called the dog is not obedient and cannot be trusted in public.



## **TEST 7: VISITING WITH A PATIENT**

The dog should show willingness to visit a person and demonstrate that it can be made readily accessible for petting (i.e. small dogs can be placed on a person's lap or can be held; medium and larger dogs can sit on a chair or stand close to the patient to be easily reached). For this part of the test a wheelchair or bed can be used. The evaluator will supply a rubber bathmat and a towel.

### **Phase II**

## **TEST 8: TESTING OF REACTIONS TO UNUSUAL SITUATIONS**

The dog handler team must be walking in a straight line. The dog can be on either side, or slightly behind the handler, the leash must not be tight. The evaluator will ask the handler to have the dog sit (the handler may say sit). Next the evaluator will ask the handler to down the dog. Continuing in a straight line, the handler will be asked to make a right, left and an about turn at the evaluator's discretion. The following distractions will be added to the heel on a loose leash.

- a. The team will be passing a person on crutches.
- b. Someone running by calling "excuse me, excuse me" waving hands (this person is running up from behind the dog. It could also be a person on a bicycle or on roller blades).
- c. Another person should be walking by and drop something making a loud startling noise (a tin can filled with pebbles, or a clipboard). At an indoor test one could use a running vacuum cleaner (realistic in a facility).
- d. After that, the team should be requested to make a left turn.
- e. And a right turn.
- f. After the right turn an about-turn, going back in a straight line.

## **TEST 9: LEAVE IT; PHASE ONE**

The dog handler/team meets a person using a walker, the dog should approach the person and visit. The person with the walker will offer the dog a treat. The handler must instruct the dog to leave it.

## **TEST 10: LEAVE IT; PHASE TWO**

The dog handler will resume walking in a straight line with the dog at heel. There will be a piece of food in the path of the dog. The dog must leave it.

## **TEST 11: MEETING ANOTHER DOG**

A volunteer with a demo dog will walk past the dog handler/team, turn around and ask the handler a question. After a brief conversation, the two handlers part.

## **TEST 12: ENTERING THROUGH A DOOR TO VISIT AT THE FACILITY**

The dog handler team is ready to enter a door to the facility. The handler first has to put the dog in a sit, stand or down stay, whichever is appropriate for the dog. If there is no door available, an area simulating an entrance should be marked. A person should be able to go through the entrance before the dog/handler team.

## **TEST 13: REACTION TO CHILDREN**

The last phase of the test shows us if the dog will be able to work well around children. The dog's behavior around children must be evaluated during testing. It is important that during the testing the potential Therapy Dog and the children are not in direct contact. This means the dog can only be observed for a reaction toward children running, or being present at the testing site. The evaluator must designate an area at least 10 feet away from the dog and handler. The dog may be walked, or put in a sit or down position. The children will be instructed to run and yell and do what children usually do while playing.

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## **ADDITIONAL RULES FOR TDI TESTING**

1. Dogs must be tested on a plain buckle collar or harness. Training collars, training harnesses, halties, or any other corrective training devices are not permitted during testing or visiting as a TDI-registered Therapy Dog.
2. Dogs must be a minimum of one year old to be tested.
3. Handlers under 18 years of age must have a parent/legal guardian present.
4. Greyhounds are not required to sit for TDI Testing.

***Note: Potential applicants are not required to take any Therapy Dog classes which are not sanctioned by TDI.***

# Children Reading to Dogs

## “TAIL WAGGIN’ TUTORS” TDI’S READING PROGRAM

What do you get when you bring children, dogs and books together? You get happy, confident children who love to read. Teachers, librarians, children and parents agree, it’s an unbeatable combination. A phenomenal program with far-reaching benefits.



The “Tail Waggin’ Tutors” program is one of TDI’s many services. Schools and libraries have already discovered the value of Therapy Dogs. Once in school, some children might have a little trouble learning how to read. Here is where we can be of help with our wonderful Therapy Dogs. Due to increased demand, we have restructured our reading program to give our handlers, and the institutions they visit, increased support. It is so much fun for the children to read to a patient Therapy Dog. What an incentive! Children are introduced to the wonderful, magical world of books in a positive and unique way. In no time at all, the reading skills of most children will improve.

### How Does the Reading Program Work?

Libraries and schools schedule reading hours for children and Therapy Dogs. Children and dogs bond together over a shared story. The child’s confidence and reading skills grow in a relaxing environment. It’s that simple.

## Lexi – A Tail Waggin Tutor

Lexi (*CH Aerden’s Made You Look* x *CH Benmer’s Gone With The Win*) was certified as a therapy dog through “Therapy Dogs International” shortly after she turned 1 year old. Her owner, Joyce Klevin of Bemidji, MN then took her to a class to practice being a “reading dog” and thus she is also a “Tail Waggin’ Tutor”.

Joyce and Lexi go to schools and the public library on a scheduled basis. During the winter they live in Okeechobee, Florida, and along with a good friend and her 2 dobermans, started a “Tailwaggin’ Tutor” program at a kindergarten class at the Peace Lutheran PreSchool. Since word of the success and the kids love for this program got out, they have had several requests but have remained at this school. They go to the school every Friday morning and each child gets to read to one of the dogs for about 15 minutes. The teacher said the kids really get excited about reading now, and can hardly wait each week to read to them. A State evaluator said during a visit to school that the “Tailwaggin’ Tutor program” was one of the best things they had seen.

As you can see by the pictures, Lexi loves the kids and the kids love her. Lexi was bred by club member Sue Bosshart.





## AKC Therapy Dog Title

To earn the AKC Therapy Dog™ title, you and your dog must meet the following criteria:

1. Certified/registered by an AKC recognized therapy dog organization.
2. Perform a minimum of 50 visits.
3. The dog must be registered or listed with AKC.

All dogs are eligible to earn the AKC Therapy Dog title, including purebreds and mixed breeds. To earn the AKC Therapy Dog title, dogs must be registered or listed with AKC and have a number in order to earn a title. This includes any one of these three options:

1. AKC registration number – used by purebred dogs.
2. Enrolled in AKC's PAL Program.
  - \* PAL is Purebred Alternative Listing. PAL (formerly called ILP) is a program that allows unregistered dogs of registerable breeds to compete in AKC Performance and Companion Events. PAL dogs include the many wonderful purebred dogs who may have come from shelters or rescue without AKC registration.
3. Enrollment in AKC Canine Partners Program – used by mixed breed dogs.
  - \* A special Canine Partners enrollment form is available for mixed breed Therapy Dogs — AKC Therapy Dog Enrollment Application. This form must be submitted along with the Therapy Dog title application form.

### The Purpose of This Program

The purpose of this program is to recognize AKC dogs and their owners who have given their time and helped people by volunteering as a therapy dog and owner team.

The AKC Therapy Dog™ program awards an official AKC title awarded to dogs who have worked to improve the lives of the people they have visited.

The AKC Therapy Dog title (THD) can be earned by dogs who have been certified by AKC recognized therapy dog organizations and have performed 50 or more community visits.

AKC does not certify therapy dogs; the certification and training is done by qualified therapy dog organizations. The certification organizations are the experts in this area and their efforts should be acknowledged and appreciated.

### Why Did AKC Start A Therapy Dog Title?

AKC has received frequent, ongoing requests from dog owners who participate in therapy work to “acknowledge the great work our dogs are doing.” Many of our constituents are understandably proud of their dogs.

Earning an AKC Therapy Dog title builds on the skills taught in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy® and Canine Good Citizen® programs which creates a sound and friendly temperament needed by a successful therapy dog.

# Braggs

— From Nancy Spaeth  
**Puppy announcement!**  
 (NAVHDA Versatile Champion)  
 VC Weatherby Trail Magic MH X  
 Larke's Weatherby Angelina NA  
 Prize 1 (NAVHDA Natural Ability)  
 Born February 4, 2013.  
 7 males, 1 female.  
 Orange & Tri-color.  
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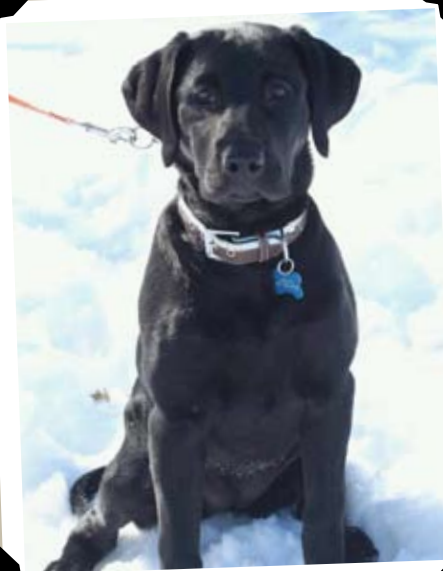


— From Andrea Holste  
*Aerden's Surprise Party* - Lily,  
 was Winners Bitch and BOW at the  
 Land O' Lakes Kennel Club show  
 in January.

— From Julie Luck  
 Although not a Setter we have a new  
 puppy. Our new puppy is a beautiful  
 black lab from Good Go ing Kennels.  
 Call name is Gretta.



— From Laurie Engel  
**GCH Aerden's Pretty In Pink JH (KiKi)**  
 BIS at the NE Sporting Dog Show  
 A Group 1 and a Reserve BIS



*Congratulations*



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