



# MCONO Messenger

*Newsletter of the Mastiff Club of Northern Ohio*

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## Officers for 2011

President—Mike Stivason  
Vice President—Sherry Deans  
Treasurer—Teresa Emerson  
Recording Secretary—Chad Long  
Corresponding Secretary—Mitzi Walters  
Board—Vickie Orewiler  
Board—Erinn Hadley  
Board—Marissa McFarland  
Board—Gloria Cuthbert

## Did you know???

*The Mastiff Club of Northern Ohio was created in 2008 for Ohio and all surrounding areas and is gradually spreading to include Mastiff-lovers in many states. It is a slowly developing club..... starting as an excuse to gather at the dog shows and growing into a great little Mastiff support group. We are open to all ideas and suggestions to improve the club. Our members range from long-time breeders to first-time owners.*

*The Mastiff Club of Northern Ohio currently has 55 members covering 7 different states.*

## Northeast Ohio Mastiff Picnic Updates

If you haven't heard about the Great Northeast Ohio Mastiff Picnic by now, well, my guess is you may be living under a rock. This special annual event was started 10 years ago by fellow club member Kim Fish, in the hopes of raising much needed funding for Mastiff rescue and health initiatives.

MCONO supports the picnic through basket donations, holding a fun match, and providing volunteer support the day of the picnic. If you haven't been to the Mastiff picnic before, you don't know what you're missing!

This year promises to be another fun filled day of fellowship with other Mastiffs and Mastiff lovers. The club is, again, donating a basket to the raffle

fundraiser. We've entitled it Wine, Wine, Wine or Whine, Whine, Whine - whichever seems more appropriate. A large, rustic wooden cooler is serving as the basket, with additional items added to it. We are asking members to donate bottles of wine, sparkling cider, etc. to be added. Please feel free to bring your donations the day of the picnic!

This year's tentative schedule is as follows:

12 Noon — All Mastiff Fun Match, Judged by David Henson

2-3PM - CGC Testing

TBD - Mastiff Puppy Games (after Fun Match)

TBD - Bloat /Acupressure

### Point Demo

And, of course, throughout the day, you'll have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for Kim's famous raffle baskets.

This year's offerings include the annual art auction, a 50/50 raffle, blood drive for cancer research, cystinuria testing, family portraits, t-shirt sales, and Lasik surgery auction.

There's plenty to see, plenty to do, and plenty to spend your money on to help rescue and health research. BRING YOUR CHECKBOOKS!



## 10th Annual Northeast Ohio Mastiff Picnic

Saturday,  
September 10th

12 Noon—6PM

Buckeye Woods  
Park

6335  
Wedgewood  
Road

Medina, OH

## Crossing the Border (Legally?)

By Mitzi Walters

As conversations go in the dog world, it came about that some of us decided to take a road trip to the 2011 Canadian Specialty. The reasons that made very good sense at the time were that it was about as close to us as a Canada show location could be and that the people are nice there.

Some of us decided to drive an RV (which never happened) and some of us decided to stop at Niagara Falls and take really bad photos, some were escaping from their kids and some just went to show....

Things to do before you leave: get yourself a Passport and a current proof of Rabies and ownership for your dog. Do it early enough that you have time to get your photo re-taken if it looks anything

like mine.

You do not need to register your dog in Canada unless you win.

They give you time to do that after the show. I cannot tell you how to fill out the entry form...I still can't

believe that I filled it out correctly!

Crossing the border into Canada is relatively simple. The Border person asks what your purpose is, how long you are staying, and where you are from. He did not even blink when we named three cities and there were only two people in the vehicle...plus some of the cities we named didn't even match our passports!

The freeways are very similar to ours except it was pointed out to me (being the driver) that the speed limit sign that said 100 did NOT mean 100mph. Speeding fines are threatened to be \$10,000 and they also threaten to confiscate your vehicle! What the heck they would do with the dogs I can't imagine, but I'm sure that whatever car Hagrid is riding in would be returned quickly.

They have toll roads, or at least they say that they are....we never saw toll booths though. YES, we LOOKED! Supposedly they take your picture and mail a bill to you...we shall see. (cont. on Page 3)



## Dream Weaver Mastiffs

Whelped 9/4/11 - 12 healthy puppies - 7 boys, 5 girls

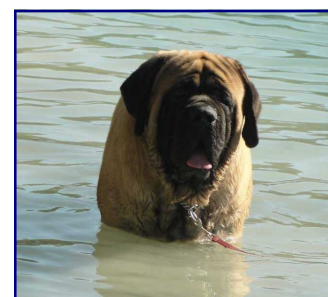


Dam



Dandylion's Magnolia PI  
"Maggie"

Sire



BIS BISS AM Intl CH Beowulfs  
Rockin The Boat, Grand Seiger,  
CGC "Anchor"

For more information please contact Gail Marschak at [dreamweaver51@frontier.com](mailto:dreamweaver51@frontier.com) , [www.dreamweavermastiffs.com](http://www.dreamweavermastiffs.com)



## Crossing the Border (Legally?) - continued



The cost of living there is higher and our poor pitiful dollar makes them giggle because theirs is worth more for once. A Looney means one dollar and a Tooney means two. Even McDonalds costs more there. Speaking of food, Tim Horton's is a Canadian ICON! You can walk right into a Starbucks, but you can't get in the parking lot of Tim Horton's. Sweet tea doesn't taste the same, everything is served with gravy, PeaMeal is Canadian bacon (but better), poutine is French fries piled with gravy and cheese (Paula Deen heaven!), all burgers are cooked well done and resemble their favorite sport, they don't have tonic but do have lots of beer ...now you can order.... EH?! They say that a lot...EH?!

The Canadian show was in the little cute (another word for historic) town of Milton on Lake Ontario. It consisted of two shows a day for four days. The Mastiff Specialty was just one of eight shows that

you could enter if you were a super-hero of stamina! You can finish your dog in one weekend if your dog is of merit. The competition is just like here in the states except they have more brindles! Marissa was in brindle heaven! The Canadians were gracious hosts and didn't seem bothered if their dogs lost to US dogs. In Canada you can show your beautiful dog in a shirt with beer bottles on it and nobody says a word! They look at the dog!

We played mastiff games the evening before the Specialty and I have to say that Wilson was doing just great until they brought in the professional athletes. What the heck! They had muscles! You try rolling around on the ground putting tube socks on a confused puppy when you are older than dirt and like your own cooking! At least my pup didn't try to hump anyone. Hagrid, shall remain nameless.

The Banquet was a BBQ and was held in the dark, which made it much easier for the guest star to escape. ..suspensions are that "the pig" is hiding in New York in spite of rumors that he is unable to get through the US border.

OK, yes there was a pet psychic there and being a cynic, I still can't figure out how she knew the McFarland's feed their mastiff beer and doughnuts because he got his bad eating habits from Daddy Blu. It made for some great stories...and NO she cannot do lottery numbers!

The entry was about the size of a nice Ohio show and they thought it was huge. There were beautiful mastiffs there and very very stiff competition. Do NOT go assuming that you will win!

Things to remember:

Always stir a Bloody Mary made by Traci Weaver before sucking through the straw like you are dying of thirst on the desert

Canadians have many more classes than we do. They compete with Altered and they have Best Puppy at every show. They were often seen chasing down Americans to get them back into

the ring.

Never leave early, even if you think you are done....see above!

Judges in Canada are very patient....see above! (Marissa is sighing here)

If you ask a Canadian for help, they will show your pup even though they are competing against their own dog.

Americans take the border very seriously and have guns and you'd better know what city you live in for them! You have plenty of time while waiting to go across to eat everything in your car that they can confiscate!

Kevin McFarland's real name is Gary

Junior handlers in Canada ROCK!!!

Canadians like to feed RAW and talk and talk about RAW! The words "road kill" were mentioned! and it is NOT the missing pig!

The Canadian Specialty will be in western Canada next year, but in 2013 we will be back!!!!!!

That is a promise!



## Membership Application

### Mastiff Club of Northern Ohio MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

KENNEL NAME/WEBSITE: \_\_\_\_\_

#### INTERESTS:

☐ CONFORMATION SHOWING

☐ COMMITTEE

☐ OBEDIENCE/RALLY TRIALS

☐ START CHAT ROOM

☐ BREEDING

☐ M.C.O.A. MEMBER

☐ PET THERAPY

☐ PULLING/CARTING

☐ GET ME INVOLVED!

☐ SOCIAL

☐ PUBLICITY

☐ MASTIFF HEALTH

#### MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

\$15.00 SINGLE \$20.00 FAMILY \$1.00 JUNIOR



[www.MastiffClubofNorthernOhio.com](http://www.MastiffClubofNorthernOhio.com)

CLUB FISCAL YEAR BEGINS JULY 1ST. IF APPLYING AFTER JANUARY 1ST, SINGLE AND FAMILY DUES WILL BE APPLIED TO THE FOLLOWING YEAR. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MCONO AND FORWARD COMPLETED APPLICATION AND MEMBERSHIP DUES TO:

MCONO TREASURER, 424 ROBINWOOD AVENUE,  
WHITEHALL, OHIO 43213

I/WE AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE CODE OF ETHICS, CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE MCONO AND THE RULES OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB. These documents can be found at [www.MastiffClubofNorthernOhio.com](http://www.MastiffClubofNorthernOhio.com)

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

## Officer Elections

Just a reminder. All nominations must be received by Chad Long by August 31st, 2011. (Although the deadline has passed, if there is still someone interested in running for an open office, please contact Chad ASAP)

MCONO members,

The club has 5 positions up for re-election this November:

Vice President - currently held by Sherry

Deans

Treasurer - currently held by Teresa Emerson

Corresponding Secretary - currently held by Mitzi Walters

Board member(odd) - currently held by Erinn Hadley

Board member(odd) - currently held by Vickie Orewiler

<http://www.mastiffclubofnorthernohio.com/members.html>

The Nominating Committee would like nominations from the general membership.

Please send all nominations and questions to Chad Long, Nominating Committee Head. [clong421@yahoo.com](mailto:clong421@yahoo.com)

## Congratulations!

Some of our MCONO members have ranked dogs as of the end of July. We'd like to send out a huge congratulations for all your hard work and wonderful wins!

GCH CH Hoosier Dream Come True, owned by Webb Boyles and Lucy Parschauer

CH Dandy Lions Music To Rolling Hills, owned by Chad and Coagi Long

Keep up the good work!

