



MCONO Messenger

Newsletter of the Mastiff Club of Northern Ohio

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Welcome to the MCONO Messenger!

Welcome to our first edition of the MCONO Messenger! We hope you'll enjoy seeing more information about club goings on and club members in a new and improved format.

We hope that this first issue gives you a taste of what we could possibly do with a regularly scheduled newsletter, and would love to see this opportunity encourage you to participate by suggesting articles or topics you'd like to see

covered. Feel free to take advantage of the low advertising rates to brag on your wins, memorialize a beloved Mastiff, introduce your newest puppy, or promote your business. We have room for them all!

This first issue is provided in PDF format and can also be downloaded off the MCONO website. Eventually, we hope to provide printed copies so that our members can have these at hand, to pass out to

potential new members, or use as promotional tools at events.

Members may, from time to time, be asked to contribute by answering questions, providing experiences or opinions for articles, or possibly even writing an article if you have the time and interest to do so.

Most of all, let's have fun with it, and enjoy!

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 61 members covering 7 different states.

Letter from the Editor

Just how does one become the editor of a newsletter, you might ask?

Well, in my case, someone finds out that you have experience doing this kind of thing, and drafts you! Of course you have to agree, but that's pretty much how these things happen.

For experience, I've been editor of two corporate newsletters in the past, one a for-profit toy company and the other the non-profit agency I

currently work for. Add to that five years working as a graphic designer for a newspaper, and another year as a writer/contributor for a Great Dane breed magazine, and it seems I can cover just about every angle of putting together a club newsletter such as ours.

So, please join me as we undertake this new adventure. Feel free to provide suggestions, ask to cover certain subjects, submit fun photos from shows or club events, or

advertise your latest success. There's room for it all, and the more support I have from you, the members, the better we can make our club newsletter!

If you ever have questions, concerns, suggestions or submissions, please don't hesitate to shoot me an email at eyotadanes@roadrunner.com. (Yes, I know, I need to get that changed!)

~ Tammy Kinkade
Editor

BRAGS

CH. Lazy D's
Charmed
N' Dangerous

Piper

Handled by: Webb
Boyles



~Owned by: Tara Smith

~AKC CHAMPION AT 12 MONTHS

"Striving for Excellence"



Announcing.....

CH. Lazy D's Charmed N' Dangerous

Thank you Webb for everything you have done
with Piper. You have done a fantastic job in
and out of the ring with Ms. P.

The
Whelping Box



Starfleet Mastiffs

1 girl, 4 boys, delivered via C-Section on November 8th. This is a dual sired litter. DNA tests are pending.



Dam



CH Devincourt Wish
Upon A Star

Sires



CH Caledonia's The
Road Is Dark



CH Fireside's Major
Commodity

For more information please contact us at loisandkevin@yahoo.com
www.michiganmastiffs.com

Dual Sired Litters - The Pros & Cons

With many people limiting the number of litters a bitch whelps to no more than three, the dual sire breeding offers a few benefits.

You can have "six" litters in the dam's lifetime, not just three, giving you more genetic diversity. If you have more than three wonderful studs that you want to use to try to make the perfect dog, you can. Some girls have irregular heat cycles which makes breeding them chancy, so a dual sire breeding gives you the possibility of achieving your breeding goals in

one shot. The specter of Pyometra makes every breeding possibly the last, so a dual sire breeding increases your chances of having the puppies you want. If you wish to breed again to the same stud because of the quality of the puppies in a litter you can have an immediate comparison of the two studs in one litter. If you are using an older or unproven stud or frozen semen the question of viability arises so also using a proven stud helps to insure there will be a successful breeding.

The cons of dual sired breeding are the cost; two stud fee's plus the collection and shipping charges unless you own one or both of the studs. The AKC registration charges are more, \$200 extra for a dual sire litter. You will also have to DNA test the pups and three adults. And finally, the DNA results take from 6-8 weeks to receive so if you are keeping one of the pups you have to wait till the last minute to choose.

~ Kevin Eedy, Starfleet Mastiffs

Optigen Winter Discount Days

December 17, 2010 through December 28, 2010 - Winter Discount Days

OptiGen's Winter Discount Days promotion....online entries need to be made during this week using the code SNOWX. NOTE: entries can be made ONLY during

this week for the maximum discount of 25% (includes online discount), then a client has up to 30 days from the date of entry to get samples to OptiGen for testing.

Breed: All Breeds

Location: 767 Warren Road, Suite 300, Ithaca, NY, US 14850

Contact: Becky Iddings

Email: genetest@optigen.com; 2020clinic
Phone: 607 257 0301

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www.ohiovalleymastiffs.com/main-store.html

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T-shirts, Notecards, Leash Hangers
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Check out all the great new items!

**Mastiff
Lamp
\$60**



**Fawn, Brindle
or Apricot**

The National Specialty Hits the East Coast



<http://www.mcoa2011.com/>

Rhode Island, huh? For those planning on attending the 2011 National Specialty, it should be an interesting time! Especially with the Bucks/Trenton show as a warm-up!

Here is this year's judging panel:

AKC Conformation Classes
James Hudspeth

Obedience / Rally
James Ashton

Sweepstakes (Puppy & Veteran)
Jack Secret

Futurity / Maturity
Eva Gordon

Breeder's Cup
Dr Stanley Einbender
Carl Van Bael
Jennifer Modica

Tournament of Champions

Donna Bahlman
Michael Reid
Joe Sanchez

A tentative schedule is as follows:

Monday, May 9, 2011

Rally
Obedience / Rally Fun Match

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Obedience (no carting)
Conformation Fun Match

Wednesday, May 11, 2011

Futurity / Maturity

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Sweepstakes (Puppy & Veteran)
Breeder's Cup

Friday, May 13, 2011

AKC Dog Classes & Veteran Dog
Tournament of Champions Banquet

Saturday, May 14, 2011

AKC Bitch Classes & Veteran Bitches

Sunday, May 15, 2011

Best of Breed
Best Veteran
Best Puppy
Best BBE
Best Stud Dog
Best Brood Bitch
Brace
Team

Start making your plans now!
Maybe we'll see you there!

Introducing...

New Beginnings Too Hot To Fox Trot

CH Kharismas Crenshaw Etched In Stone

x

CH New Beginnings Sparkling Cider

Special thanks to
Karen & Jeffrey Flocker/New Beginnings
and
Paula & John Lange/High Country
for our beautiful little redhead!

Pepper



Owned & Loved by Tammy & Dave Kinkade, Eyota Mastiffs

Mastiff Rescue - Paws for Thought

Today's Mastiff Rescue

As you might guess, in these current economic times, the need for rescue with our giant breed has never been greater! I would like to share with you where our breed is with rescue.

In 2005 MCOA, our national breed club, restructured rescue efforts by forming RFI (Rescue Foundation Incorporated) whose main function is to organize the national specialty rescue fundraising event and contribute to regional rescues. There are only five recognized regional rescues with Great Lakes Mastiff Rescue being most used in the club's area. (to see all regional rescues visit mastiff.org/MCOARESCUE).

I am board trustee and Ohio State co-coordinator for Great Lakes Mastiff Rescue, as well as a member of MCONO. I would like to seek club member's involvement with GLMR efforts. We are very active, having more surrenders and more families seeking to adopt than ever.

We would like to offer you a chance to help the breed using your most valuable asset -

knowledge of the breed! In this season of giving, nothing would be more appreciated than signing up as a volunteer with GLMR.

We need Mastiffs evaluated for temperament and health before we can bring them in.

We need home visits done by knowledgeable Mastiff folks.

We need folks attending shows to help with Meet the Breed and rescue education.

We are very short on volunteers in Indiana and southern Ohio. Just a few hours of your time could mean life or death to a Mastiff in need. Please consider lending a helping hand.

As I mentioned, your knowledge of the breed is such a valuable asset. For those of you who breed, in the process of screening families and placing puppies you have learned there are some families where a Mastiff would fit and many where they would not. There are homes where a puppy is the right choice and there are homes where everyone works long hours and only has a few hours to spend with their new Mastiff (and may be much happier with a housetrained

rescue). Same with the folks who tell you, as puppy buyers, they only want a pet, and can't afford your price. It would be so nice for you to say "have you considered a rescue Mastiff? They are fully vetted, spayed/neutered and make a great first Mastiff! Then when you are ready for a quality puppy come back and buy one, as you will be hooked on the breed."

Our breed needs us now more than ever to work together to both produce the best Mastiffs possible and care for all those that have fallen on hard times so that we can be sure they do not end up on breeding farms or in kill shelters.

Please go to www.glmr.org and fill out a volunteer application offering what you may. There is no gift of your time and talent that will not be greatly appreciated!

Happy holidays,

Marty Reither

GLMR trustee/Ohio SC

MCONO member

Don't forget to VOTE for your favorite pictures in the Notecard contest at:

<http://www.mastiffclubofnorthernohio.com/Photo-Voting.html>

Below is just a small sampling of the many pictures submitted!



Meet the Breed in Cleveland

MCONO will be participating in "Meet the Breed" on Saturday, December 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Cleveland IX Center. With such a big entry, there should be plenty of dogs to amuse the crowd, so please join us in promoting the Mastiff breed by answering questions, talking

about your dogs, or just socializing with the rest of the Mastiff people in attendance.

If anyone plans to participate with an entered dog and has not yet contacted Marissa McFarland, please do so at

garmar11@verizon.net

so that she can plan on those attending. Be sure to wear your MCONO t-shirts if you have one, or any other appropriate Mastiff clothing. Treats, drool towels and plenty of slobber are all appropriate accessories for the day.

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

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

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SIGNED _____ DATE _____

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OF
NORTHERN
OHIO**

