



MCONO Messenger

Newsletter of the Mastiff Club of Northern Ohio

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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 63 members covering 7 different states and Canada.

Eukanuba Experience

- by Erinn Hadley

Two thousand and eleven was a carnival type journey, with all the anticipation, excitement and from time to time, dissatisfaction. Every month a new aspiration was met as the end of the year grew closer and closer.

CH Laurels He Ain't Heavy Hoss, by his own charming graces and often comedic presentation by his handler, grasped some fabulous wins in Canfield and by late summer, the focus of several conversations over cocktails was fulfilled by the success of Hoss's Grand Championship title.

Plans were set in motion for Eukanuba.

Looking at the calendar and planning for a huge trip, one week from Christmas to say the least, was a daunting task. Hoss and I had to plan and coordinate our outfits for goodness sake. All joking aside, the opportunity to attend a premier event, not only with Hoss, but his owners and other good

friends goes beyond words.

Arrival in Florida was seamless, the weather was perfect, balmy and 70's. Our ring time was still two days away and the Eukanuba experience offered many activities. Agility, Dock Diving, Meet the Breeds to name a few, or poolside people watching with Hoss, his brother Cash. This activity seemed to draw the largest crowds and thankfully, their owners and I could field all the typical questions. How much do they weigh, do the drool, the all too familiar list plays on.

Saturday is here. Coiffed and poised, Hoss is delivered via his motor coach to the front entrance of the Orange County Convention Center for his chance in the spotlight. The place is packed, blue carpet lining the rings, swarms of spectators vying for a good spot ring side.

Armband # 27 please, and the steward marks the catalogue. Great Danes are almost done

being judged and our time is close. Deep breath, it is just a dog show. Bait, check, drool towel, check. SHOWTIME! Show lead and collar placed over Hoss's big ole' noggin, and I give him the "let's go". We find our place in line and wait for our time to trot in, #27 is called. Game on.

This was the grand finale for the journey of 2011, our opportunity at the Eukanuba National Championship. It wasn't just another dog show. It was the culmination of several achievements, lessons learned, friendships forged and branded and the testament of a dog and handler relationship that has surpassed many expectations.

GCH Laurels He Ain't Heavy Hoss, owned and adored by the Ken & Lucy Parschauer, presented by Erinn Hadley and lovingly conditioned by his sweet brother, Cash (GCH Laurels Cashmere Keeper 2012).

Bucks/Trenton Show

The Bucks County and Trenton Kennel Club dog shows promise to be another fantastic set of shows for 2012, with another very large entry. 127 Mastiffs on Saturday, 133 Mastiffs on

Sunday and 77 Mastiffs on Monday.

If any club members are planning to attend, we'd love a report back to put in the next

Messenger! Photos, stories, anecdotes. You name it!

Please send anything you'd like to contribute to Tammy at eyotamastiffs@roadrunner.com

2012 MCOA National Specialty

The 2012 MCOA National Specialty Show Will Be Held May 28th- June 3, 2012 ,Olympia Resort and Spa Oconomowoc, WI.

<http://www.mcoa2012.com/>

Olympia Resort and Spa
1350 Royal Mile Road
Oconomowoc, WI 53066
www.olympiaresort.com

For reservations call 800.558.9573 x 0 (not group sales). If you are outside the US call 262.369.4984. If you want to email your information email Jennifer Waller at fom@olympiaresort.com

Mention Mastiff Club of America group block to receive the discounted rate of \$119 per night. Online reservations will not honor this rate. Only two rooms per person. All rooms have spa access.

Schedule of Events

Tentative Schedule As of February 5, 2012.
Schedule Subject to Change Without Notice.

Monday, May 28th 2012

2:00 pm – Obedience/Rally Fun Match
6:00 pm – Conformation Fun Match

Tuesday, May 29th 2012

9:00 am Futurity/Maturity
2:00 pm Breeders Cup
6:30 pm Rally Obedience

Wednesday, May 30th 2012

8:00 am – Obedience
10:30 am- Sweepstakes
2:00 pm – Draft/Carting
3:00 pm - Health Clinic
6:30 pm - Welcome Party
After Welcome Party at the RV's – Karaoke for a Cause

Thursday, May 31st 2012 – Mastiff University

All Day - Temperament Test
7:00 am – Regional Club Presidents Breakfast
7:00 am – Beginners Handling Clinic – Ring Room
8:00 am - The Mastiff, Not Just a Beautiful Face – Seminar Suite
10:30am – Management of Hip Dysplasia and Cruciate Ligament Tears – Seminar Suite
12:00 to 1:30pm - Lunch with the Legends – Ballroom
1:30 pm – Introduction to K9 Nosework– Ring Room

2:30pm – Getting Started with Therapy Dogs – Seminar Suite
3:30 pm – Breeder's Perspective – Seminar Suite
4:00 pm – Beginner Novice, Every Mastiffs Obedience Class – Ring Room
7:00pm – Tournament of Champions - Ring Room

Friday, June 1st 2012

8:00 am – AKC Dog Classes
½ hour after dog classes Junior Handling Clinic followed by the Juniors Pizza Pool Party
12:00 pm – Health Seminar Luncheon – Cancer, Wobblers & Behavior Disorders
1:00 pm-3:30pm – Judges Education*
2:00 pm – Parade of Titleholders
5:00 pm – Annual Meeting
1/2 hour after the Annual Meeting – Health Walk
1/2 hour after the Annual Meeting – CGC-TDI Test

*by invitation only

Saturday, June 2nd 2012

8:00 am – AKC Bitch Classes
12:00 pm – Juniors Showmanship
2:00 pm – Rescue Parade and RFI Meeting
3:30 pm – Mastiff Olympics
6:30 pm – Cash Bar
7:00 pm – Awards Banquet

Sunday, June 3rd 2012

8:00 am – AKC Best of breed
To Follow Brace
To Follow Team
To follow Best Veteran
To Follow Best Puppy
To follow Best Bred By Exhibitor
To Follow Best Stud Dog
To Follow Best Brood Bitch
Directly after Best Brood Bitch After Party in the bar

Judging Panel

AKC Conformation Classes
Dr. William Newman

Junior Showmanship Classes
Liz Simon

Obedience
Cindy Pischke

Rally
Jodi LaBombard

Draft / Carting
Jennifer Lambden

Sweepstakes (Puppy & Veteran)
David Henson

Futurity / Maturity
Margaret Murphy

Enjoy the
Best of the Midwest!



**2012 MCOA National Specialty
Oconomowoc, WI**

Breeder's Cup

Diana Van Sandt, Shannon Van Duren,
Bridget Edgell

Tournament of Champions

Joe Sanchez, Dick Greaver, Jane Haefner

Health Clinics

Clinic pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Please submit a separate form for each dog participating. DO NOT PRE-PAY for the Health Tests.

Tests and Services Available:

CYSTINURIA DNA MARKER TEST – MALES AND FEMALES OF ALL AGES!

CHIC DNA Repository (Blood for Research) – \$20.00
Microchip Including Pre-paid Enrollment – \$35.00
Mastiff Fluffy Gene Test – \$58.00
** AKC DNA Profiling – MASTIFFS ONLY – \$30.00
Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA) DNA Test – \$103.50
Canine Multi-focal Retinopathy (CMR) DNA Test – \$76.50
10 Year DNA Long-Term Storage – \$35.00

We will be drawing blood samples at the clinic, but if you prefer, you may also have the blood collected in advance (no more than 3 days & it must be kept refrigerated!) and bring it with you to the clinic.

** AKC DNA PROFILE NUMBERS ARE REQUIRED PRIOR TO NATIONAL SPECIALTY ENTRIES but you can bring kits on dogs not coming to this year's specialty to receive the discount.

If you will be attending the national specialty and would like to contribute photos, stories or health notes to the Messenger, please contact Tammy at eyotamastiffs@roadrunner.com

Welcome New Members

Please welcome MCONO's newest members:

Bev Molloy
 Donald Rolli

Lynnette Albright
 Jennifer Moore
 Eli Hemphill



It's "Tail" Gate Time

Hi everyone~ it's that time of the year again! Our club puts together a "basket" to represent us at the big MCOA National Specialty. People purchase tickets and try to win the baskets representing each club. The basket with the most tickets wins. We won last year!

Our theme this year is "Tail"gate Time! We are looking for items that reflect this theme. If anyone has something that they wish to donate please email Mitzi.

Mitziwalters5@aol.com

Let's have some fun! We need the items by May 20th if possible. Please email with questions and suggestions!

Thanks so much everyone!

Coagi Long, Specialty Basket committee head

matenc@yahoo.com

MCNO 2012 Meeting Schedule

- Jan. 7 - Tallmadge, OH
- Feb - no meeting
- March- Louisville, KY
- April 22 - Columbus, OH
- May 5 - Bucks County, PA
- June 2 - Specialty, Oconomowoc, WI
- July 14 - Madison, OH??
- Aug 4 - Canfield, OH
- Sept - Medina, OH picnic
- Oct 13 - Urbana, OH?
- Nov - Columbus, OH (General & Board)
- Dec - no meeting

Hey MCONO members,

Watch for a mailing coming this month concerning a proposed change to the MCONO Code of Ethics. This should not be confused with the MCOA COE change that you may have received.

The ballot is very simple. Just fill it out, flip the outside flap, tape it and stick a stamp on it to return. We got a 66% response to our last election mailing and would love to beat that percentage!

Thank you, Mitzi

Membership Application

Mastiff Club of Northern Ohio MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME(S): _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____
KENNEL NAME/WEBSITE: _____

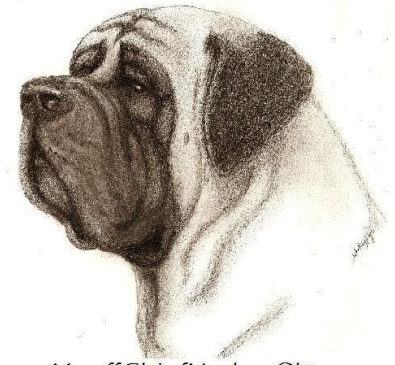
INTERESTS:

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

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

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Check # _____

Optigen Discount Days

May 07, 2012 through May 20, 2012 - Spring Discount Days

OptiGen will be offering our Spring Discount Days for online entries starting May 7th through May 20th. Entries need to be made during that time using the code "maydays12" for the maximum discount of 25%. Clients will have up to 30 days from the date of their online request to get samples to OptiGen for testing.

For more information, please contact Becky at 607-257-0301 or email genetest@optigen.com.

Get your PRA and CMR testing done at a reduced cost!
<http://www.optigen.com/index.html>

