



The Rottweiler Rumble

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Warm - Weather Worm Attacks Esophagus

Spirocerca lupi, the esophageal worm, is a roundworm that makes its home in the lining of a dog's esophagus. It's found not only in Israel, but also in other warm climates of the world, including Africa, Asia, South America, and the southeastern United States.

The worm's cycle is somewhat complex. Once it builds a cyst in the dog's esophagus, it releases larvae that pass through the digestive system, then are excreted in the feces. When dung beetles consume the feces, the worm develops within the beetles. A carrier animal such as a bird, reptile, or rodent, then ingests the beetle. A dog becomes infested when he eats one of these carriers or a beetle.

Once the larvae reach the dog's stomach, they migrate through the intestinal walls and into the major arteries and the aorta. There, they continue to develop for several months before they become adults and migrate into the dog's esophagus to begin the cycle all over again.

The worm causes the dog's body to create granuloma, a large nodule of active scar tissue, in the esophagus. The granuloma can become so large that the dog has trouble swallowing; it's also painful, may bleed, and can develop into cancerous fibrosarcoma or osteosarcoma.

For reasons not completely understood, *Spirocerca lupi* infestation of the esophagus can also lead to hypertrophic osteopathy, in which blood flow increases and a crust forms along the length of some bones, particularly

the bones of the dog's toes and the long bones of the feet. The condition causes pain and lameness.

Treatment for spirocercosis depends on the extent of the damage done by the worms. The drug ivermectin and some other avermectin drugs effectively eliminate the parasite with repeated treatments.

There's no preventative medication for *Spirocerca lupi*.

To help prevent it, don't allow your dog to eat animals that might serve as immediate hosts, namely birds (including raw chicken meat), reptiles and rodents.

By Leslie Sinclair, DVM
 DogFancy 2003

ROTT'S Needs Your Help!!!

ROTT'S will be hosting a fund-raising booth at the Perry show in April. We have collected some items to sell to raise money but we are in **desperate need of raffle items!!!** If you have an item(s) you would like to donate please call **Irina**.
404-456-8943.

Officers & Board of The DRCMA

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Minutes Of The March 1st, 2006 Meeting

BOARD MEETING

- * Called to order at the Olive Garden Restaurant at 7:40pm
- * Roll Call: Greg, Sue, Chuck, Joyce, Diane Andreen, Lori and Dusty.
- * Reports of Officers: All reports deferred to general meeting.
- * Old Business: None
- * New Business: Approved to spend \$25.00 for a trial 6 month cross listing on "Rott-n-Chatter"'s BSL (Breed Specific Legislation) main page.
- * Adjourned at 7:50pm.

GENERAL MEETING

- * "Called to order" see note below at 8:05pm by President Greg Benkiser .
- * Roll Call: 10 members and 2 guests.
- * Minutes - **Approved.**
- * Report of Officers: Due to the "no Meetings" restriction imposed by the restaurant, no reports given.
- * Committee Report: Herding Test/Trial: Dusty agreed to act as scribe as Diane P will not be able to attend. All other committee members affirmed they would be there. Perry Show: All committee members affirmed that they would be there. Fall Show: Committees: Show Chair - Dusty, Obedience Chair - Sue, Trophy - Greg, Hospitality - Irina, Catalog Ads & Publicity - Lori.
- * Old Business: **None.**
- * New Business: The Club will once again contribute a basket to the ARC National Armetale Auction, Lori & Dusty to coordinate & either Lori Or Chuck will transport to the show- any member wishing to donate item(s) should contact one of them. Club to spend a maximum of \$100. Due to the closure of Logan's, we need a new meeting place. MaryBeth suggested Tony's, she & Sue will stop in there after the meeting to check it out.
- * Door Prizes: Greg won a pair of Rottie socks (too large for Sue, sorry) . Diane had the ticket for a Doggie Treat Jar.
- * Brags and Announcements: Chuck bragged on **MICK** who got her 7th UDX leg by going first in Utility B & Open B for High-in-Trial at the Seminole Rottweiler Specialty (which was good 'cause she didn't do squat the rest of that weekend). David put in a good word & a buck for **KOBE** who got a First Place (along with a 2nd & 3rd the other two days) at the Cherokee Rose Cluster in Jonesboro
- * Adjourned at 8:35pm.

R.O.T.T.S. news- the officers & board will meet soon to re-organize as a 501-C-3 corporation.

Call for 2006 Trophy Donations

To those members who donated to the 2005 Trophy Fund - THANKS!!

To those of you who have given in the past and to those who have yet to cough up the dough,
we are continuing our Trophy Drive for **2006** including the

Fall Show in Perry. Please fill out the following form and mail it in NOW!.

2006 DRCMA Trophy Donation

Name: _____
(as you would like it to appear in catalog)

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ for: ___ Confirmation ___ Obedience ___ Herding
Make all donations payable to DRCMA and mail to DRCMA, P.O. Box 1876, Cumming, GA 30028-1876

Item Donation: _____
(Item Donations are due **BEFORE** the Premium List closes!!!) **THANK- YOU!!!**

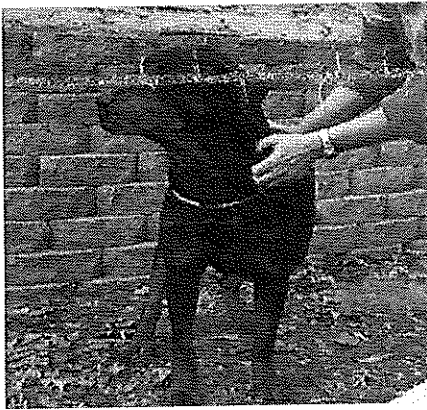
HELP US FIND A HOME!

These wonderful Rottweilers need your help! Please take a moment to look over these listings. For more information on adopting or fostering a rescue please contact, Diane Andreen at 770-982-5747.



Hummer - Adult Male - I.D. Diane

Notes: Hummer is a handsome 2 year old Rotty. He weighs in at 118 pounds. He's big, but very sweet. He needs to be an only child.



Klinger- Adult Male - I.D. Diane

Notes: This gorgeous boy was chained to a tree, eating glass that was mixed in with his food that was haphazardly thrown on the ground. He is approximately 4 years old, neutered, UTD on all shots, chipped, and hw. He gets along great with other dogs and loves to have his belly rubbed. Klinger is a big lover boy and really likes the ladies. A fenced yard and home visit are required when adopting this pet. Vet history is required when adopting this pet.

Sally - 2 yr. old Female - Sally is housebroken, good with kids and people. She needs a large fenced yard to play in and wants to be an only child. She is a stunning black and mahoghany girl.

Rusty - 1 1/2 yr. old Male - Black and Tan sweet gets along with all dogs.