



THE ROTTWEILER RUMBLE

The Dogwood Rottweiler Club of Metropolitan Atlanta, Inc
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Herding Standard For The Rottweiler

ARC Website

INTRODUCTION

The Rottweiler was developed as a multi-faceted herding and guard dog that should work all kinds of livestock under various conditions, i.e. town or country. He is intensely concerned with gathering and controlling and can be very protective of "his" stock

The Rottweiler is only one of several herding breeds developed in the same general area in Germany from the same or similar base stock. The others are still used in their original function and have not become known in the Americas.

TRAINABILITY

The Rottweiler is highly trainable when he can see a purpose to his actions. If bonded to his handler the desire to please is excellent. Young males especially should be started young on ducks to gain confidence and to condition them to working off the stock. Adolescent males can be difficult to start. Because of their assertive character and youthful lack of confidence, they often feel the need to exert too much force and dominance. This usually results in their total loss of control of the stock which in turn causes an even more forceful dominant reaction and eventual total frustration.

Keeping the dog off the stock initially with a long pole seems to be the most successful method as a line increases force and frustration. Once the dog realizes that he has more

control working off the stock the battle is won. His great desire for control and his good natural balance will keep him working back where he is most effective.

The female Rottweiler is normally much easier to start as an adult, being more receptive to discipline and less inclined to excessive force. A large number of females are not forceful enough to work cattle initially and should be started on ducks or sheep.

Training to gather is easy since herding instinct is very high and the Rottweiler gathers naturally. There is seldom a need to punish for gripping or biting as the Rottweiler is unusually inhibited in using mouth on stock and should never be encouraged to do so. When necessary he will nip with the front teeth only not using the canines.

If possible the Rottweiler is best started as a puppy on ducks and then graduated to sheep and trained in much the same fashion as a Border Collie. They can then be moved to cattle. Some may never be able to work cattle.

The more confidence a Rottweiler has the less forceful he becomes unless it is needed and the easier he is to train.

WORKING STYLE

The Rottweiler should show a natural gathering style with a strong desire to control.

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Officers & Board of The DRCMA	
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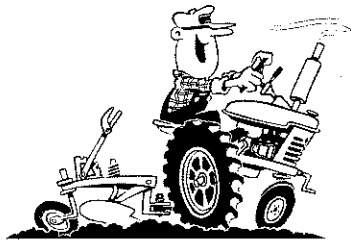
Minutes Of The December 17th, 2005 Meeting

BOARD MEETING

- * Called to order at 7:58pm by President Greg Benkiser .
- * Roll Call: Greg, Sue, Chuck, Joyce, Diane Andreen, Lori and Dusty.
- * Old Business: None
- * New Business: None
- * Adjourned at 8:05pm.

GENERAL MEETING

- * Called to order at 8:10pm by Greg.
- * Roll Call: 8 members and 1 guest.
- * Minutes - **Approved.**
- * Report of Officers: **None.**
- * Committee Report: AKC has finally approved our shows including the spring show in *Perry* and *Herding* in April. **Spring Show in Perry:** Need Catalog ads by next meeting on February 1, 2006. **Membership:** Sue and Dusty to work on updating the membership list. Dusty will print an updated list in the newsletter when they are finished. **CJC:** Discussion was held and it was decided to cancel holding a CJC test this year. **AKC Licensed Herding Test and Trial (A Course):** Will be held on September 30th and October 1st. **AKC Herding Instinct Testing:** To be held on September 29th, 2006 at the Benkiser Field.
- * Old Business: **Website:** Lori to work on wesbsite coordination with Audrey.
- * New Business: **None**
- * Membership: **Final Reading.** please welcome Marty Jarrard of Oakwood, Georgia
- * Door Prizes: **Chuck** won a nifty, rubber curry brush.
- * Brags and Announcements: **Kimberly** has officially stepped up from Novice to Open Juniors. She received her certificate from AKC just last week. Way to go Kimberly!!!



Herding Field Work Days

February 25th and March 11th

Work will start at 10am

Come early and herd your dog at 9am

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 **Spring 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.

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 mahogany girl.

Sweetie - 13 month old Female - Her name tells it all, sweet little black and tan girl that is housebroken and good with kids.

Bonnie and Clyde - 6 month old brother and sister - These two puppies are very socialized and working hard on their indoor manners. Both are black and mahogany.

Herding- Cont. from front page

The Rottweiler generally shows a loose-eye and has a great amount of force while working well off the stock. They make much use of their ability to intimidate.

The Rottweiler will often carry the head on an even plane with the back or carry the head up but have the neck and shoulders lowered. Some females will lower the entire front end slightly when using eye. Males will also do this when working far off the stock in an open field. This is rarely seen in males when working in indoor arenas.

The Rottweiler has a reasonably good natural balance.

The Rottweiler force-barks when necessary and when he is working cattle uses a very intimidating charge. There is a natural change in forcefulness when herding sheep. When working cattle he may use his body and shoulders and for this reason should never be used on horned stock.

The Rottweiler, when working cattle, will search out the dominant animal and challenge it. Upon proving his control over that animal he will settle back and tend to his work.

The Rottweiler has little power from behind for driving cattle and therefore is best utilized as a control along the sides to turn stock and to gather strays.

If worked on the same stock for any length of time the Rottweiler tends to develop a bond with the stock and will become quite affectionate with them as long as they do as he says.

The Rottweiler shows a gathering/fetching style when working sheep and reams directions easily. He drives sheep with ease.

ENDURANCE

The Rottweiler is a natural trotter and, if built correctly, can trot for long distances. Hot weather bothers these dogs, particularly the males. His great force and control over sheep allows him to expend minimal amounts of energy when working this type of stock. When working cattle (especially strange cattle) the Rottweiler will often seek out the dominant animal and establish his own dominance thereby allowing himself to relax as he works later. Since he does not use mouth he expends great amounts of energy in his intimidating charges and periodic tackles to control unruly cattle. It is therefore necessary for him to establish his control at the start.

2006 DRCMA Dues Notice & Membership Survey

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: (day) _____ (night) _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

List ROTTWEILERS owned or coowned (use additional page if necessary):

REGISTERED NAME:	REGISTRATION#
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Are you a Breeder _____ Exhibitor _____ Interested Dog Owner _____ Judge _____ ?

Litters bred in 2005 _____ Registration #'s _____

List shows attended in 2005 (representative sampling if very active)

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

2006 Dues submitted (at \$15.00 per person)	\$ _____
Additional amount for:	
Rottweiler Rescue Contribution	\$ _____
ADOA Contribution	\$ _____
GA Canine Coalition Contribution	\$ _____
Other (Please specify: Trophy, etc.) _____	\$ _____
Total enclosed	\$ _____

**Mail with check or money order payable to "DRCMA" by 01-01-2006 to:
Sue Benkiser, Membership Chair, PO Box 1876, Cumming, GA 30028-1876.**

Note: The information in this survey is necessary in order to satisfy AKC requirements and will be used for abstract purposes only.
Individual information will be kept strictly confidential. Thanks.

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(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

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Phone: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ (payable to "DRCMA")

Individuals: Full Page \$ 40.00 (4-1/2"x7-1/4") 1/2 Page \$ 25.00 (4-1/2"x3-5/8") 1/4 Page \$ 15.00 (4-1/2"x1-13/16")

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TIPS TO ADVERTISERS

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Lori Gach, Ad Chair
Box 1876, Cumming, GA 30028
Label all ads "DO NOT FOLD"
Questions? 770-536-1895 (eve)

DEADLINE FOR ALL ADS IS

February 27th, 2006

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