

The Rottweiler Rumble

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How do I start Carting? Part 2

Carting/Drafting Terminology

Terms for "Vehicles" - Here are the terms that I use when talking about carting. I try to use terms that are "commonly accepted", but just for clarification...

Cart - A two-wheeled vehicle. These may be used to haul freight, while some styles are designed to carry passengers, much like a harness racing sulky. Since the dog bears the weight of the cargo (be it freight or passengers), care must be taken to properly balance the load.

Wagon - A four-wheeled vehicle. These may carry freight or passengers, and have a greater capacity than a cart, usually. The big advantage to a wagon is that the weight is supported entirely by the vehicle. No weight is pressing down on the dog. It is relatively easy to make a dog-drawn wagon from a child's wagon.

Travois - A no-wheeled device which is dragged by the dog. These are useful when crossing rough terrain. Some are made of wood, while others are made of aluminum.

Terms for Harness Types

There are several different styles of harness. These include *parade harness*, *Siwash harness* and *draft harness*. Use of one style over another is often a matter of personal preference - sometimes it's your preference, and sometimes it's your dog's preference. Listen to your dog! She will let you know if a certain type of harness makes

her happy to work. A dog that doesn't like a particular harness will not work well, and often a change in harness will make the dog a happy carter again. Note that there are many successful dogs working in all styles of harness, including "home-brewed" designs. The most important part of the harness is that it fits well, whatever the style.

A *parade harness* consists of a padded strap that goes across the withers and circles the dog's chest, and a second padded strap that wraps around the front of the dog across the forechest. The straps could be leather or nylon webbing, and they are often buckled together. Some find this style of harness may constrict the free motion of the dog's shoulders or legs.

A *Siwash harness* looks more like a sled dog harness, with a series of straps crossing the dogs back, between two straps that extend past the rear of the dog, parallel to the ground. The dog's head comes out through a padded chest strap that follows down the breastbone and back through the front legs. A belly band provides the connection point for the cart shafts. Dogs have free range of shoulder and leg motion in this type of harness and most can generate lots of pulling power as a result.

A *Draft harness* resembles the draft rigs normally seen on horses. A large padded collar provides the main pull, allowing the dog free should and leg motion while allowing the dog to lean into the collar with shoulders and breastbone to increase pulling force as needed. A belly strap provides the shaft connection point, while the traces run back from the collar to the cart. This style of harness is typically made of leather.

Courtesy of www.CartingWithYourDog.com

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Minutes Of The May 7th, 2006 Meeting

BOARD MEETING

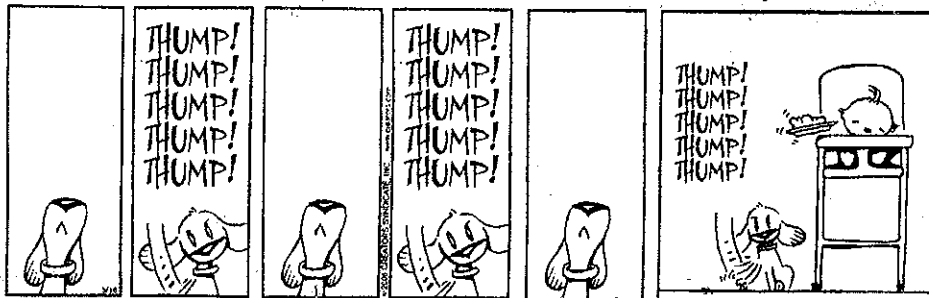
- * Called to order at Tony's American Grill and Tap at 7:40pm
- * Roll Call: Greg, Sue, Chuck, Joyce, Diane Andreen and Dusty.
- * Reports of Officers: All reports deferred to general meeting.
- * Old Business: None.
- * New Business: None.
- * Adjourned at 7:48pm.

GENERAL MEETING

- * Called to order at 8:02pm by President Greg Benkiser .
- * Roll Call: 7 members.
- * Minutes - **Approved.**
- * Report of Officers: Treasury: Dispersed ROTTS funds to new ROTTS account. We made \$95 on the herding event.
- * Committee Report: Fall Show in Jonesboro: Judges set. Spring Perry Show: Sweepstakes judge set. Obedience judge is still questionable. ATTS: Need volunteers. Please talk to Diane Pegram. Herding: Nancy unable to do intro to stock on Sept. 17th, will try to reschedule in October.
- * Old Business: None
- * New Business: None.
- * Door Prizes: Irina won a gorgeous ceramic dog treat jar.
- * Brags and Announcements: CONYERS MATCH MAY 21ST. Mick has again given Chuck much to brag about! Mick earned her 2nd ASCA UD leg with a 2nd place. Chuck was notified that Mick is in the top ten in agility 2005 and tied for 5th in Novice Jumpers!!! Kimberly has been hard at work! She placed 1st in open jumpers! Greg and Sue also have a new addition.. please welcome their new pup, Ivoss Heika's Flower Pick!
- * Adjourned at 8:23pm.

DOG EAT DOUG

By Brian Anderson



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 Jonesboro. Please fill out the following form and mail it in NOW!

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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.



Rusty - Young Male - I.D. Diane

Notes: Rusty is a beautiful 1 1/2 year old pure rottweiler who is full of spunk and energy. He is spayed, UTD on all shots, HW neg, and housebroken. He loves to play with tennis and soccer balls and then lay on the couch. He gets along great with absolutely everyone and is a big love bug.



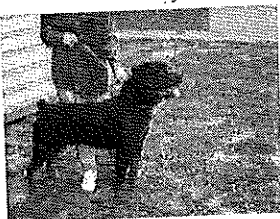
Nutmeg - Young Female - I.D. Diane

Notes: Nutmeg is a beautiful young rottie who just had a litter. She is a wonderful mom and gets along great with other dogs. She is very sweet and completely housebroken. Once she has weened her pups, she will be spayed, chipped, and fully vaccinated. Nutmeg just wants to love and be loved



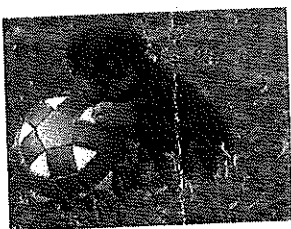
Heidi - Young Female - I.D. Diane

Notes: Heidi is a beautiful 1yr old female Rottweiler that loves to play and gets along with other dogs and kids she is a great family dog looking for the perfect family.



Coach - Adult Male - I.D. Diane

Notes: This is Coach. He is a three year old m/n rottweiler weighing 115 lbs. He is very strong and needs someone with a firm hand and a good fence. His owner died passed away and he is now looking for a forever homes.



Porter - Baby Male - I.D. Diane

Notes: Meet Porter, an adorable Rottie puppy who was found in the woods with his mom, Nutmeg. Porter was only 10 days old when he was found; he is a fighter and today is very happy and healthy and is crate trained. The following is REQUIRED when adopting this dog: A vet history, a fenced in yard and a home check



Sally - Adult Female - I.D. Diane

Notes: Sally is a 3 year old Rottweiler that is hw negative. She has been spayed, up to date on all shots, hw preventative and house broken. She is a wonderful girl that would like to be an only dog.

Tactile Stimuli

Objective: To measure the dog's reaction to unusual footing.

Subtest 6: Plastic Footing

Both the handler and the dog walk the entire length of a 15-foot by 6-foot clear plastic strip.

Subtest 7: Wire Footing

Only the dog will walk the entire length of a 12-foot by 3-foot unfolded exercise pen.

The purpose of these subtests is to measure the dog's sensitivity to unusual footing, its ability to recover from the fear of unusual footing and to measure its investigative behavior to the unusual footing.

Self Protective/Aggressive Behavior

Objective: These tests collectively evaluate the dog's capacity to recognize an unusual situation, its threshold to provocation, its protective instincts, and its propensity to realize when the situation becomes a threat.

Subtest 8: Non-Threatening

The handler/dog team stops at the designated marker. A weirdly-dressed stranger crosses the path 38 feet in front of the team.

The purpose of this subtest is to test the dog's alertness to an unusual situation.

Subtest 9: Threatening

The weird stranger advances 10 feet towards the stationary handler in a threatening manner.

The purpose of this subtest is to evaluate the dog's ability to recognize when an unusual situation turns into a provocation.

Subtest 10: Aggression

The weird stranger advances to within 18 feet of the stationary handler in an aggressive manner.

The purpose of this subtest is to evaluate the dog's protective instincts.

The stranger is never closer than 10 feet from the dog. The handler's 2 foot arm and the 6' lead is added in for a total of 18 feet. Aggression here is checked against the breed standard and the dog's training. A schutzhund trained dog lunging at the stranger is allowed, but if an untrained Siberian husky does the same, it may fail.

At the conclusion of the test, the handler will receive a critique about the dog's performance. Certificate will be mailed within 90 days of the test.

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