

The Rottweiler Rumble

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What I've learned from my dog

Life lessons, courtesy of man's - and womans's - best friend.

Ten months ago I had twin boys, and my friends rejoiced: Thank God, we won't have to listen to Judith yammer on about her dog anymore. "A dog is just a child substitute," my friend Maria sniffed. "Now you'll know what real love is."

Don't get me wrong; I adore my babies. And these days it's fun to shout, "Who's a good boy?!" and have three pairs of eyes swivel in my direction. But lets face it, my sons already have my ghastly imperfections: They're pale, solemn little worriers who only find comfort in food and show tunes. (How many times a day can I sing "The Surrey With the Fringe on Top" without losing my mind?) Whereas Monty, my golden retriever, exhibits qualities only I can aspire to: beauty, grace, simplicity, athleticism, good humor and kindness. True, he will roll in the corpse of a rotting dead frog if that frog presents itself, but nobody's perfect. And Monty is as perfect as is possible for a mammal to be.

Dogs were put on this earth to remind us how humans, in the nest of all possible worlds, should behave. Monty is not just my buddy, he's my teacher. Consider a few things he taught me:

It doesn't matter if you saw your friend five years ago or five minutes ago: Greet her with the same degree of enthusiasm. Well, you don't necessarily have to lick her face. But the point is: Don't take your friends for granted, particularly those you see a lot, or those who do a lot for you. anyone worth loving is worth loving well.

When you've done something wrong, have the decency to at least look guilty. the pile of shredded toilet paper, the chicken bones trailed through the living room, the accident on the Persian rug -- you might not actually feel to bad about it. But try to maintain an air of profound sadness for at least 30 seconds. Humans can be more forgiving than you think.

If you're going to eat a slice, you might as well eat the whole cake. Why should you dole out the joys of life sparingly?

If the ball is trapped in a nest of thistles or surrounded by barbed wire, go get it anyway. Maybe it's true there is a fine line between bravery and stupidity, but life's rewards come only to those who take risks.

The correct answer to "Want to go out?" is always "yes". You never know what's waiting for you once you step out the door.

There's no such thing as garbage. Someone else's leftovers are your tasty treat. The little things in life have so much value -- even if others don't see it.

If someone who usually treats you well shouts at you now and again, don't sulk too long. Extend the paw of friendship.

Checking out the butts of others: not so wrong. Just because your eyes momentarily stray, doesn't mean your heart forgets to whom it belongs.

Do everything like you really mean it. Play catch like a star outfielder, sleep really, really deep -- and when you kiss, kiss like its the last kiss you'll ever give.

By Judith Newman

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Minutes Of The February 1st, 2005 Meeting

BOARD MEETING

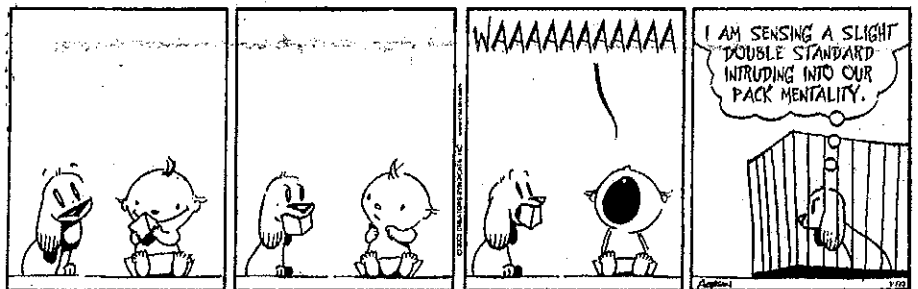
- * Called to order at 7:50pm by President Greg Benkiser .
- * Roll Call: Greg, Diane, Chuck, Joyce and Lori.
- * Old Business: None
- * New Business: None.
- * Adjourned at 7:56pm.

GENERAL MEETING

- * Called to order at 8:04pm by Greg.
- * Roll Call: 6 members
- * Minutes - Approved.
- * Report of Officers: **Treasury**-ATTS finally cashed the check from September. ***Secretary**- New Member list will be in the next newsletter.
- * Committee Report: **Spring Herding and Perry Show** in good shape. Still need VOLUNTEERS to help finish up Herding Field! Discussion was held and we will be holding a Herding Instinct Test on the Friday before the Fall Herding Trials.
- * Old Business: None.
- * New Business: None.
- * Membership: **Second Reading** for Marty Jarrard - approved. Welcome (back) to the club.
- * Door Prizes: Diane won a vibrating pet brush to give that pampered pet a relaxing massage.
- * Brags and Announcements: **Chuck** let us know that Mick got her third leg in Rally Advanced and then went on in the next three shows and got her 3 legs to earn her Rally Excellent Title (which made up for her crash and burn in Obedience and Agility...)
- * Adjourned at 8:17pm.

*Editors Note: Unable to print out and mail member list due to computer virus infestation. It will be mailed as soon as it is recovered in a separate mailing.

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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!!!**

These beautiful Rottweilers need “Forever Homes”!

If you don't have room for another maybe you know someone who does? We are very grateful for any donations or volunteers to help foster care our rescues until they are adopted. If interested please contact,

Diane Andreen at 770-982-5747.

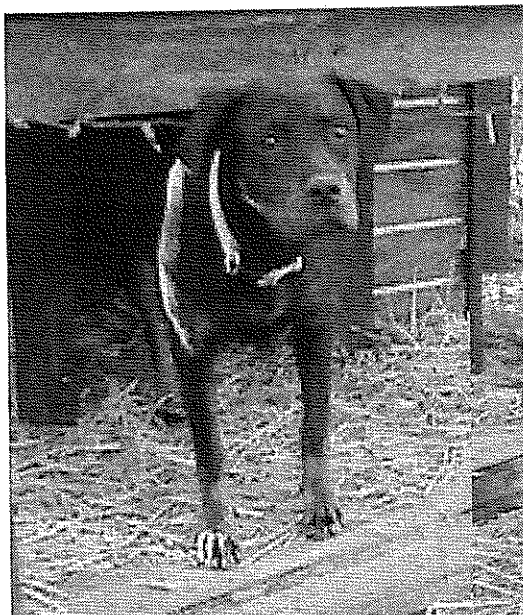


Klinger

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.



Bonnie

Baby Female - I.D. Diane



Notes: Bonnie, an adorable little rottie girl about 6 months old. She is very playful and gets along great with all dogs. She is spayed, chipped, UTD on all shots and hw neg. Bonnie's black and mahogany colors make her very unique. A fenced yard and home visit are required when adopting this pet. Vet history is required when adopting this pet.