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## RORIE, PLEASE COME HOME! UPDATE ON DEBBIE CUTTER'S MISSING DEERHOUND

I am sure our members have been as worried as I have been about Rorie, Debbie Cutter's young Deerhound. I asked Debbie to give us an update on the search and possible sightings. Please take a moment to read, and please consider passing along Rorie's information to friends and family. Even if they do not live in the Mt. Juliet/Lebanon area, they may know someone who does. It is absolutely critical in the search for Rorie that as many people as possible know that she is missing and know what to do if they see her. Many of the sightings below were reported hours or days later. While it is encouraging that Rorie is still out there trying to find her way home, what would be optimal is that someone would see her and remember her from the flier or an e-mail, realize right away that she needs to be returned home, and act immediately either by calling Debbie or, better yet, securing Rorie in a safe place and then calling.

Along with this month's newsletter I will send a .pdf of the flier that Debbie has been tirelessly posting in the area. Please forward it to all your caring friends and family, and help get Rorie back home.

Below is the timeline of Rorie's disappearance and sightings, courtesy of Debbie:

- Ran off on Thursday morning, July 10.
  - Evidently she crossed to the east side of 231 (I live off 231 on the west side of the road), then later that day or maybe Friday she crossed back over 231 on Vesta Road going west.
  - Was possibly seen late Friday night, July 11, standing in the intersection of Couchville Pike and 840.
  - Possibly seen the next night, Saturday July 12, and maybe Sunday evening, July 13, on Stewarts Ferry Pike, possibly in the vicinity of Suggs Creek Market, to the west of 840.
  - Sunday during the day, July 13, she was seen by some residents of South Posey Hill Rd., which runs north of Central Pike.
  - She was seen on Monday, July 14 or Tuesday, July 15 on West Richmond Shop Rd., about a quarter of a mile west of Hwy 231. This is about two miles from my house and the closest she'd gotten back home that I know of. The man thought it was Tuesday that he'd seen her but it was on Friday when he called me as he hadn't seen the flyer until then. I think this was a good sighting as he met up with me where he'd seen her, but it was several days later; I took her brother Harper so he could see if it was the same kind of dog and he said yes, it was.
  - Friday, July 25, I got a call from a woman who works in Gladeville saying she'd seen a dog who might have been Rorie standing in the median of Hwy 840 in the rain, "looking lost," about 11:15 am. I got there about two hours later (I hadn't gotten the call as I was in a meeting and didn't have my cell), but there was no sign of her by then.
  - The most recent possible sighting was Wednesday evening, July 30, crossing Cainsville Rd. about a mile from the Norene dump. Someone else said he'd seen her the previous week on South Tater Peeler Rd., also in the Cainsville Rd. vicinity.
- Please keep Debbie in your thoughts in the coming days, and pray that Rorie is returned home safely very soon.

**NEXT MEMBER MEETING:  
August 25**

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### **Pet-Friendly Tip: Antifreeze**

Traditional antifreeze is ethylene glycol-based, which is extremely toxic to pets. As little as one teaspoon is fatal for a cat, and four tablespoons is enough to kill a medium-sized dog.

Fortunately, there is an alternative. The next time you flush your car's cooling system, why not have them replace it with pet-friendly antifreeze?

Pet-friendly antifreeze is propylene glycol-based. It has anti-corrosive properties, is biodegradable, and is recyclable, making propylene-based antifreeze a better choice for the safety of pets and wildlife, personal health, vehicle engine protection, and for the environment. Make the switch today!

O'Reilly's Auto Parts carries this antifreeze under the brand name "Low Tox" for around \$12 a gallon.

## **MEMBER BRAGS**



**Marina Caro's** Rhodesian Ridgeback, **Panzer**, earned his Rally Novice title in Evansville, IN on July 6, 2008. He scored a 99 and second place during his debut on Friday, July 4, and finished with a third place ribbon on Sunday.

**Debbi Martin's** Basset Hound, **Craigwood Adams Insp Clouseau (Clou)**, scored a 98 in Rally Novice B class on Sunday, July 20, 2008 in Murfreesboro, TN. Yes, that is correct: He scored a 98! He was in a three-way tie for third place, but had the slowest time, so he placed 5th. The first place dog scored a 100, second place scored 99 and third, fourth and fifth all scored 98, separated only by their time. There were fifteen dogs entered in his class.

**Connie McGhee's** Labrador Retriever, **McGhee's Dandy Lion CGC, RE (Angus)**, earned his Rally Excellent title and first place on Sunday, July 20 at the Murfreesboro trial. I guess we are all out of reasons to procrastinate, so both Angus and Simon will be working on their Novice Obedience titles this fall!

**Tracy Purcell's** Kerry Blue Terrier, **Ch. Topgun Great Balls of Fire (Smokey)**, finished his Rally Novice title on July 12 at the Tennessee Valley Kennel Club in Knoxville. Smokey finished in style with a score of 96 and a third place finish. He definitely lived up to his name by barking through the awards! Thanks to Nola, Marina and Faye for all their help and encouragement.

## **GASTRIC DILATATION-VOLVULUS; BLOAT**

By Patricia Long

June, 1997 Updated January, 2008

Edited by Dr. Kathy Berge, DVM, Health Chair of BMDCA

Have you ever eaten too much at a family gathering? Remember that uncomfortable bloated feeling? All you did was sit down and relax for an hour or two, and you were ready for dessert. So why does everyone panic over bloat in their dogs?

Gastric dilatation-volvulus is an acute, life-threatening situation which requires immediate medical and surgical attention. Gastric dilatation means stomach distention or enlargement. This may or may not be accompanied by volvulus, or torsion, or twisting of the stomach on its long axis. Once the stomach twists, the stomach contents are trapped in place as the gas continues to build. As the stomach expands, it can press on major arteries and veins in the abdominal cavity, restricting blood flow and lowering blood pressure. Once this happens, the heart rate increases and the pulse becomes weak as the dog goes into shock. If the stomach swells enough, it can displace the spleen, cutting off circulation, and causing enlargement and even twisting of the spleen. With circulation for the stomach constricted, parts of the stomach wall can necrose, or die.

All of this can happen over a period of hours, or even minutes. But once it starts, it needs immediate medical attention.

Classic symptoms of bloat include pacing, difficulty walking, panting, discomfort, agitation, depression, drooling, foaming or frothing at the mouth, unproductive vomiting or retching, distention of the stomach. The swollen stomach may be grossly large, and hard (tympanic) to the touch. If the dog is going into shock, the gums will appear pale or grey, and when they are depressed with a finger, the color will be very slow to return; the heart rate will be fast, but the pulse will be weak.

Try looking at your healthy dog right now. Look at the color of the gums. Now you know their normal color. Press on the gum with your finger for a second. When you remove your finger, you will see a white mark where all the blood was pushed out of the capillaries. The speed with which the color returns shows a good blood pressure as the capillaries refill. Anytime the blood flow is compromised, the capillaries are the first to shut down. Now try to find the pulse. I just tried, and according to my findings, Maggie is dead. You can find the pulse by placing your finger on the femoral artery - high up on the inside of the back leg. I finally found Maggie's, but practice before you have to find it on a sick dog.

In theory, the treatment for bloat is simple. Treat the shock with IV fluids, decompress the stomach, and if the stomach has twisted, get it back into position. In reality, it gets more complicated. An X-ray will usually show if the stomach has rotated or not. If a tube can be put down the throat into the stomach, this is what is preferred. The stomach contents are emptied and the stomach is rinsed with water or a saline solution.

If the dog cannot be tubed [the danger with intubation is that it can rupture the lower esophagus], then another possible procedure is trocarization, or inserting a large bore needle directly into the stomach wall. The danger with this procedure is peritonitis from stomach contents leaking into the abdominal cavity and causing infection. For an untrained person, the danger is that the needle will be put into an enlarged spleen instead of the stomach, or the wall of the stomach will rupture because the stomach wall has stretched too thin. Once enough gas has been released by the trocar, the dog can some-times be tubed to further decompress and empty the stomach. The other procedure is to make an incision in the stomach wall in order to empty the stomach.

Surgery may be required to reposition the stomach, and if part of the stomach wall has necrosed, that part will have to be removed (resected). If the spleen has

sustained enough damage, it will have to be removed. Once the dog has bloated, there is an extremely high probability that he will bloat again. To prevent the stomach from twisting, and to significantly reduce the probability of bloat recurring, the stomach should be tacked in place (gastropexy). Some dogs with a high degree of risk can have a gastropexy done before the dog ever bloats. The easiest form of this is a laparoscopic gastropexy. Using a laparoscope to see, small incisions are made, and the stomach is tacked at each incision site. Done on an outpatient basis, it could cost under \$400. When surgery is required for bloat, it typically costs about \$1200 if there are no complications. With complications, stomach resection, splenectomy, the cost can reach \$5000.

Once a dog has bloated, there is a good chance that he will bloat again. He should be fed at least 2 times a day, avoid vigorous exercise for one hour before and two hours after eating. And always watch for signs of bloat, especially after any type of stress.

An ongoing study is being conducted at Purdue University by Dr. Glickman, and most of the current information about the risk factors and probability of bloat come from his extensive study, done mainly with Irish Setters. The dogs who are at greatest risk of bloat are the large, deep chested breeds. The greater the chest depth/width ratio, the greater the risk of bloat. Happy dogs are less likely to bloat. Factors linked to an increased risk are: history of belching and flatus, aggression toward people or other dogs, fast eating, fewer meals per day, less canned food, less table scraps, fewer snacks. Factors with NO

correlation to risk are: dry food, dry food moistened with water, supplements, vitamins, multiple animal households, pre-existing disease, drug treatment, vaccines. The most recent finding in his study is that raising the food bowl actually **INCREASES** the risk of bloat - the higher the dish, the greater the risk. Some of the common precipitating factors are: stressful event, change in feeding time, bigger meal than usual. Most cases of bloat occur between 6pm and midnight: 59.3% of the cases studied by Dr. Glickman occurred during that time period. The gastropexy greatly reduced the risk of recurrence of bloat, from 4% per month to 0.3% per month. In Dr. Glickman's study of 1934 dogs with GDV, he reports a death rate of 28.6% from gastric dilatation, and 33.3% from gastric dilatation-volvulus, and a lifetime recurrence rate of 80%, dropping to 3-5% with gastropexy.

**The Dixie Recall would like to thank:**

Many thanks to Wendy Boehme and JoAnne Bachorowski for their suggestion to print an article about bloat. Both have experienced this with their dogs, and felt it was important to share information with our members so that this medical emergency could be recognized early and treated appropriately.

Special thanks to Wendy for forwarding an issue of "Berner Barks" that addressed this need perfectly.

Thanks also to Rachel Smith, editor of "Berner Barks," for putting us in contact with Pat Long in order to secure permission to reprint this helpful article.

Quick Reference Guide For GDV BLOAT			Vet's Emergency Telephone Number...	
	What Is Happening	What The Dog Does	What You Should Do	Treatment
Stress >>>> Excitement >>>> Vigorous Exercise >>>> Large Meals >>>> Long Drink >>>> Swallowed Air >>>> Familial Tendency >>>>	Stomach function is normal.	Dog behaves as usual.	Keep the dog quiet; Do not leave the dog alone; Give Antacid if your vet agrees.	During this period the dog may recover without going on to develop Gastric Volvulus.
	Gas accumulates in the stomach but the stomach does not empty as it should.	Seems slightly uncomfortable.	Be aware of Phase I symptoms.	
	<b>PHASE I GDV</b> Stomach starts to dilate. (Gastric Dilatation)  Stomach twists. (Gastric Volvulus)	Anxious, restless, pacing; Trying to vomit-may bring up stiff white foam but no food; Salivating; Abdomen may be swollen.	Call your vet, tell him what you suspect and why.  Take the dog to the vet without further delay.	During this period the dog may recover if your vet releases the pressure with a stomach tube.
<b>PHASE II GDV</b>	Blood supply to part of stomach is cut off. Stomach tissue is damaged. Portal vein, vena cava and splenic vein become compressed and twisted. Spleen becomes engorged. Shock begins to develop	Very restless; whining & panting; Salivating copiously; Tries to vomit every 2-3 min; Stands with legs apart & head hanging down; Abdomen swollen & sounds hollow if tapped; Gums dark red; Heart rate 80-100 beats/min; Temperature raised (104°F)	Get someone to tell your vet you are on your way and why.  Take the dog to the vet as quickly as possible.	During this period the vet will need to relieve the stomach pressure, start an intravenous drip and perform surgery to untwist the stomach.
<b>PHASE III GDV</b>	Spleen and stomach tissue become Necrotic.  Shock now very severe.  Heart failure develops.  Shock now irreversible.  Death	Unable to stand or stands shakily with legs apart; Abdomen very swollen; Breathing shallow; Gums white or blue; Heart rate over 100 beats/minute; Pulse very weak;  Temperature drops (98°F)	Death is imminent.  Get someone to tell your vet you are your way and why.  Take the dog to the vet as quickly as possible.	As well as doing everything above, the vet will need to remove part of the stomach and the spleen. He will also need to use powerful drugs to counteract shock.  It is no longer possible to save the dog's life.

Chart modified by: Michele Keck

To download and print a larger version of this chart, visit <http://www.jersey.net/~mountaindog/berner1/bloatchart.pdf>  
 To read the full article including personal accounts of bloat, visit <http://www.jersey.net/~mountaindog/berner1/bloat1.htm>

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## HELP NEEDED

**Puppy K Classes need instructors and assistants** Does the remainder of your year look to be lacking in puppy kisses and wiggles? Well here is your opportunity to fill that special need in every dog lovers heart!

We have openings for instructors and assistants in the upcoming training sessions for Puppy K. To be an instructor you must have taught NDTC Puppy K or assisted in NDTC Puppy K classes at least twice before; to be an assistant you must only have a love of puppies and willingness to help both instructors and families with new puppies!

These are eight-week sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays and, unless noted otherwise, are held at 7 pm.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Carol Azmitia at [lovemypets@comcast.net](mailto:lovemypets@comcast.net) or by phone at (615) 952-4551.

## SHOWS IN AUGUST

**August 1-3** Agility (Indoors). Dalmatian Club of America and Clarksville Kennel Club at MTSU/Tennessee Livestock Center in Murfreesboro, TN. Show closes July 9.

**August 9-10** Obedience and Rally (Indoors). Greater Louisville Training Club, Inc. at Super Dog Sports Center in Simpsonville, KY. Show closes July 23.

**August 22-24** Obedience and Rally (Indoors). Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia, Lawrenceville Kennel Club, Inc. and Conyers Kennel Club of Georgia at Atlanta Exposition Center South in Atlanta, GA. Show closes August 6.

**August 28-31** Obedience and Rally (Outdoors). Lexington Kennel Club Inc. and Northern Kentucky Kennel Club Inc at Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY. Show closes August 13.

## SHOW 'n GOs IN AUGUST

**August 10** Obedience Show 'n Go at Curt's training building in Silver Point, TN. Runs start at 8:30; the order is Novice, Open and Utility. \$6 per run. Contact [cbrock@tntech.edu](mailto:cbrock@tntech.edu) for more information.

## SHOWS IN SEPTEMBER

**September 5-7** Agility. Tennessee Valley Kennel Club at East Tennessee Agricultural Exposition Center in Harriman, TN. Show closes August 13.

## PRIVATE LESSONS

**Curt Brock available for private lessons** If you need some help working with your dog, e-mail Curt for lessons in his air-conditioned building. Contact [cbrock@tntech.edu](mailto:cbrock@tntech.edu) for more information.

**Sandra Edson offers private agility lessons** For one-on-one instruction in agility, contact Sandra Edson at (615) 325-9765 or by e-mail at [sancrestfarm@comcast.net](mailto:sancrestfarm@comcast.net)

**Pat Thorne available for private obedience lessons** Pat has been training dogs for 25 years. She has put UD's on six of her dogs, and OTCH titles on two. Pat can be reached at (615) 274-2926.

## FREESTYLE

**Freestyle Classes** are being offered at Red Rover. Don't miss the opportunity to train with Brigitte Sclabas! Freestyle is a fun, energetic sport that is wonderful for building great teamwork between you and your dog. Classes are being held at 960 Main Street in East Nashville. \$140 for six weeks. Contact Heidi Dixner at Red Rover for more information at 227-7709 or by e-mail at [heidi@redrovercomeover.com](mailto:heidi@redrovercomeover.com).

## EVENTS

**August 9: Puptopia at Lucky Pup** Puptopia will take place in the courtyard of Lucky Pup on Saturday, August 9th from 5-8 pm. It will be a one-stop shop for Nashville dog owners to come meet with some of the best dog-related businesses in Music City! There will be groomers, trainers, dog-walkers, sitters, photographers, artists, day and overnight care, adoption groups and more. Lucky Pup is located at 1200 Villa Place in Nashville, TN. For more information, visit [www.luckypuponline.com](http://www.luckypuponline.com).

## GRAND OPENING

### August 2: See Spot Eat in Berry Hill

See Spot Eat, Nashville's premier all-natural doggie bakery, will open on August 2nd, 2008. This event will feature numerous offerings for dogs and their owners. For the canines there will be free samplings of See Spot Eat's all natural doggie treats such as Kat's famous liver brownies, apple crunch pupcakes, & cool pupsicles as well as a few doggie games. At 1:30 pm we will have a live "Silly Dog Tricks" contest! For the people, there will be sandwich samples from Pranzo Pronto! as well as live music from several Nashville musicians.

See Spot Eat has teamed up with their new neighbor, Pranzo Pronto!, an Italian take-out shop offering sandwiches, salads, heat-and-eat entrees, coffees, and desserts. "People don't have that many places that they can go with their dogs besides the dog park or a pet store." says owner Kat Martin. "With Pranzo Pronto! offering their delectable people food right next door and us offering our wonderful doggie treats, folks will be able to grab a snack for themselves as well as one for their pooch all in the same place."

See Spot Eat is located at 2815 Bransford Avenue in the heart of Berry Hill. For more information, call (615) 712-6112, visit [www.seespoteat.com](http://www.seespoteat.com), or contact Kat Martin at (615) 712-6083.



**Connie McGhee's Labrador Retriever, Angus, will be four years old on August 4th!**

**Carol Azmitia's Cairn Terriers both celebrate birthdays in August: Maisie will be three on August 2nd, and Rex will be seven on August 27th. Rex also celebrates his "Gotcha Day" on August 13th. He has been with Carol for four years.**

**ATTENTION MEMBERS!** Are you or your pooch about to celebrate a birthday? Please let us know! Send in your September birthdays to be featured in the next issue.

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