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We are up and running!

Yes, it has taken a while but here we are and proud to provide you, the Southern Skies Flat Coated Retriever Club member, with a window into our club world. This first run will be most dependent upon you, the member, in ways you may have never imagined.

For starters, we want to get to know our members better, so our first step is to ask you to participate. Take just a few moments and send an email telling who you are, who your fur-kids are, what your goals are for this year in either training, or competition. Tell us what we can do to help you attain those goals and most of all, what you want this newsletter to reflect.

So far, we have come up with some fantastic ideas and we would like to show you what we are cooking up! We are setting up new areas like; Upcoming Events, Training Corner, Tips & Tricks, Meet the Members, FCR Birthdays, and SWAP SHOP.

OK-now it is your turn-what new area would you like to see? Drop me a line at lgowett@aol.com

Message from the President, Pam Hind

I would like to thank all our out going officers, board members and committee chairs for the time they gave to the club these past 2 years. I would also like to welcome our new officers, board members, and committee chairs to the team for the new term. The club is here for all members, and I hope that we can offer events that will be of interest to everyone.

This year started with our Annual Meeting held in conjunction with our first CERF/Gonioscopy clinic with Dr. Dan Wolf and the AHT DNA Blood Draw. Huge thanks to Lana for organizing the CERF/Gonioscopy clinic and Jonathan for helping hold dogs for Dr. Wolf. Huge thanks go out to Donna for taking charge of the blood draw. Beth came on board to give our Companion Dog owners grooming tips on how to turn our swamp collies back into Flat Coats...I believe she groomed several dogs that day. Claire helped keep discussions flowing and Kathi presented us with information regarding a Collapsing Condition appearing in Retrievers.

Of course, a SUPER thanks to our Golden Friends Tom & Joanne Hell for the use of their building.

I encourage all members to support our up & coming Supported Entry and WC/WCX. Even if you do not have plans to enter these events, come on out and support the club.

I would like to see us have a doggie picnic this year...doggie bone relay, musical chairs, bobbing for wieners...spin the bottle...sounds like FUN! You Bet! Until then...hug your Flatties - Pam

New Members...

- ★ Ann & Sara Hinshaw, Melbourne, FL – Elvis 8 months (FCR)
- ★ Cheryl Mellon, Apollo Beach, FL - Shiraz-22 months (FCR) and Leo 8 months (FCR)
- ★ Laura & Robert Payne, Lakeland, FL - Shadow 1yr (FCR)
- ★ Jeff & Tiffany Hogan, Boynton Beach, FL - Shadow-1 yr (FCR), Jasmine-3 yrs (FCR), Shemp- (BLKLab Mix), Samantha (BLKLab Mix), , Maggie (Rescue), Ginger (Golden)

*Welcome to
our newest
members!*

SSFCRC Club Calendar/Photo Contest

*“Honor your special Flat Coat”
Send your pictures and information to me for inclusion in the NEW 2009 SSFCRC Club Calendar
Due Oct 1st*

Something new is coming at the end of this year and you are in the spotlight! It is time to get the camera out or go through your pictures to try and located the best ever picture of your “kids” – FCR’s that is.

We will be producing a 2009 color calendar for our membership, which will be available in DECEMBER. We would like all of our members to submit an FCR picture with a caption under the heading for Funniest, Baby, Costume, Wet & Wild, Fantastic Field, Competition Best Buddy and Holiday. All photos and captions are due by **OCTOBER 1**. Judging will be accomplished by a very independent panel.

It will be a fun contest and each category winner will have a photo page on the calendar. All qualified submissions will be used in the calendar on special collage pages, lovingly placed in the remaining months.

So, start going through your stuff, you know, that stack of pictures you keep saying you are going to put in the album, or grab the camera and start taking pictures. Email pictures to lgowett@aol.com. If we do not receive pictures in time – they will not be on the calendar!

The 2008 “Year in Review” Book

*Memories...
are the fabric
which ties our
lives
together.”*

So... a lot happens over a year, memories are made... goals are met and even exceeded, fun and great times abound. We would like to compose a book of our adventures as a club, and what better way to do that than to have each member contribute their own, special page.

We will gather these memories together and create a book just for you and your coffee table. A book that shows the success and fantastic times you have had with your dogs. Each member will be given a page that you can include your picture, with names, titles, special notations, even for those whom we have kissed Goodbye... a commemorative section will be set aside, just for them.

- Compose what you want to have on your page. Send your page as an attachment, via email and I will get it formatted and sent back to your for final approval and we will reserve your page! Easy for you, going to get very busy for ME!
- Remember, we are using Microsoft Word and .jpg pictures which will make turn around time a little faster.
- If you have pictures from some of our events-send, them to me via email and we will include as many as possible in collages throughout the book. This book will be available for sale in January-February 2009–cost will be very dependent upon the membership contributions. It will likely have a soft cover although if the members want, I will check into hardcover. Go get your email together right now and send it to lgowett@aol.com – TODAY!
- All submissions are due by December 15th, 2008.



SSFCRC Supported Entry!

Join us, Sunday, November 9th, with the Hernando County KC in Brooksville!

The Flat-Coated Retriever judge will be Mr. Jon R. Cole and the Group Judge is Elliott Weiss. Saturday's Flat-Coated Retriever Judge is Linda C. More. Additional classes will be offered for Working Retrievers and Veterans.

This show also offers Obedience and the judges are Kent Delaney and Paula Barras. Rosettes and trophies will be offered for the winners of all classes. This is a 2 day, All Breed show, beginning Saturday, November 8th, held at the Florida Classic Park, 5360 Lockhart Rd, Brooksville, Florida. Additional information about the show can be found at MBF's website, <http://www.infodog.com/clubs/2008567802.HTM>. Entries close Wednesday, October 22nd. Hotels in the Brooksville area are in short supply and fill up quickly, so make your reservation today!

Puppy Parade



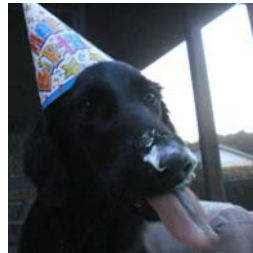
Isabel Leonhardt plus 10!



Roxie Rowilson



Lexi & Carol Cassidy



Shadow Payne



How many of us have experienced a site like this before?!



The Cassidy Kids!

Memories live forever...

Dakota Heron - 2002-2008



*Dearly missed by Sue and James Heron
Like so many of our sweet ones, Dakota left behind memories that continue to live in the hearts of his family.
Hug your kids tonight... and consider making a donation to the FCRS Cancer Foundation.
Help in the effort to stamp out this dreaded disease.*

SSFCRC Board Members

President - Pam Hind
Vice President – Kathi Leonhardt
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Board - Liz Mound
Board – Jeff Speicher, DVM
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Newsletter-Leasa Gowett
Obedience-Joyce Frazer
Education-PJ Lacette
Supported Entry-Jeanette Phillips
Ways & Means – Liz Mounds
Field Chair – Clair Koshar

COME ON-GET ACTIVE!

Do you want to participate in something special; do you have a talent for something special?
—then contact us and let us know—
You know you want to...
Come on – we have tons of stuff going on--give us a call today!

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**NEXT FLATCHAT DUE DATE:
NOV 1, 2008
For DEC ISSUE**

Articles and submissions are due 30 days in advance of publication date (TBD) and need to be sent via email to Leasa Gowett at: lgowett@aol.com. All submissions are subject to editing for content, format, and space and must be accompanied by source documentation and print authorizations for proper crediting of sources. All photos need to be in .jpg format and all documents should be submitted in MS/Word format. If you have any questions-please call me at 813-417-3255 and I will get back to you as soon as possible!

FCR's RULE!

Field
Conformation
Agility
Dock Diving
Therapy Dog
Tracking
Obedience
Search & Rescue
Rally
Fly Ball

BUT MOST OF ALL...

Best Friends!**Important Dates!**

OCTOBER 1ST - Photos Due for "2008-CALENDAR"
 OCTOBER 22ND - Entries close for Supported Entry
 NOVEMBER 1ST - "Dec" Holiday Newsletter Deadline
 NOVEMBER 9TH - SSFCRC Supported Entry
 DECEMBER 15TH - Photos Due for "2008-YEAR IN REVIEW"

Swap Shop

Okay, this is your spot. Do you have training equipment or dog stuff you would like to sell? Well, here is your chance! Each item listed must include phone number or email address for contact.

Look through your show boxes, tools, fans, kennel, toys, beds, canopies, training equipment, leads... you name it, this is the place to share it.

This would be a great place to advertise our Club shirts, Luggage tags, Calendars, Books, etc.

RETURN ADDRESS

POSTAGE

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