



Message from the Prez...

Hello to all!

Club newsletters have been few and far between and I apologize for that, but with the work of Pat Vanden Heuvel we are back on track. Thank you Pat.

Once again NFGRC had an unbelievable busy and successful year. We are a very small club but continue to hold events that are both well attended and liked. It is always a challenge when it comes to the AKC title events because we hire judges. Those of you that participate in these events know that the hiring of judges can present a challenge due to the fact that what one person may like, another person more than likely will not. With that being said the independent specialty had four and five point majors. The three day agility trials had large entries and again made large profits for our club. The WC/WCX was full and we always see people coming back. The TD/TDX was full as well

with numerous alternates. Finally, the CCA was well attended and again a success. The feedback we hear, and you all know dog people are not afraid to express themselves, is amazing and I am sure that with the work of dedicated club members this tradition will continue. **THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HAVE ASSISTED WITH THESE EVENTS.**

I am not seeking another term as the NFGRC president and would like to thank the members for the support you have given me. I would especially like to thank the other officers and all the board members that I have worked with the last 4 years for making my job easy. Your talents and dedication to our amazing breed of dogs, the Golden Retriever, is second to none
Rick Krumenauer

Upcoming Events

January 3, 2020: Deadline for Annual Awards Applications and Plaques

February 8, 2020: 2019 Annual Awards Banquet

Lizzy's 2019 Story

by Deb Seline



Lizzy (Pemberley's Pride and Prejudice JH NA CD SAR-W WCX CGC) will be 12 at the end of November. She's had 5 cancers diagnosed so far this year. In January, she had a mast cell tumor removed from her right forearm and a liposarcoma removed from her high mid-back area. Both were rated as low grade 1. I thought she was out of trouble.

In May I saw a red spot on her lower jaw just inside her incisors. A vet dentist in Oshkosh biopsied it and sent it in. The sample came back as containing plasma cell tumor cells. The dentist did not get good margins but because of her earlier cancer diagnosis, he wanted me to get a chest X-ray and ultrasound before he would do the follow-up surgery, which would have involved removing a couple of the lower incisors in addition to tissue.

UWMadison had done the surgery in January, so I returned to them for the diagnostic tests. They told me both the MST and liposarcoma areas were still clear of cancer, but they had found a 2 cm anal sac tumor on the lower side of her right anal gland, and they also found it had metastasized to an abdominal lymph node.

My options were do nothing, and she'd probably have 6 months or so. I could have surgery alone, but the

tumor would more than likely return, and she'd have about a year. I could have surgery and chemo and/or radiation, and she'd probably have a couple more years.

Because of the costs (the first surgery was around \$3500, the second one was about \$1800, and the third one was estimated at about \$3500 too—all of these expenses were added to the \$3500 hit I took at Thanksgiving for Bailey's retrobulbar abscess), I couldn't afford the expense of chemo, and radiation was definitely out of the picture. I also considered her age and decided I was not going to put her through chemo or radiation.

I was still paying off the dentist, so I told them I would call back to schedule surgery as soon as I had the funds. This was on a Thursday. I was planning on going through the Dog Cancer Series series I had purchased in the past and contact the KetoPet Sanctuary in Texas to help with a diet. On my ride home from Madison, I also prayed, putting Lizzy in God's hands--this was a situation well beyond my experience.

I got her Ketogenic diet and started her on it. I joined the FB page for KetoPet Sanctuary and the Anal Sac Tumor FB page. On one of these pages as I was reading the Sunday after the diagnosis, someone suggested in a post to someone else that he or she should check into using Panacur against cancer, specifically at a blog called MyCancerStory.rocks.

That stopped me. I had Panacur left over from my girl Bailey's pregnancy in 2018. I read the blog, written by a cancer survivor named Joe Tippens, and I signed up for his FB page that night. I also gave her a full worming dose of fenbendazole (Panacur) that night.

I knew that I treated Bailey daily the full worming dose (1 ml / 4 lbs body weight) under prescription with the Panacur while she was pregnant and post whelp for 5 weeks total, so I figured that dose should be safe for Lizzy for 5 weeks. I continued that dose for 5 weeks—making up for the few days she missed during surgery, which I was able to schedule for the second week in July. I also contacted my girl's naturopath vet for ideas. (I'll list all the supplements I'm giving her below.)

I did tell Lizzy's regular vet what I was doing with fenbendazole, and she was interested. I take Lizzy to see Dr. Collins, the ophthalmologist in the Milwaukee area I take her to for GRPU, and I told him. He was interested.

The surgery was done mid-July. Lizzy had been on the protocol for about 3 weeks. I noticed after about a week that the red dot that had been still behind her lower incisors had disappeared. Prior to her surgery, Lizzy was behaving as if nothing was wrong with her. During surgery, the surgeon had a hard time finding the tumor. He said it was tiny (much smaller than the 1-inch tumor found a month earlier). The lymph node tumor was about the same size.

I brought her home and resumed the protocol as soon as she started eating. Three weeks would pass before I could return to have stitches removed. She recovered well.

When I returned to UW-MADISON for suture removal, I told the oncologist that I couldn't afford chemo or radiation. I also told her about my using fenbendazole to treat the cancer. She was not at all interested.

After about 5 weeks, I reduced the amount of fenbendazole to Joe Tippen's protocol dose of 1 gr (since I was using liquid, that is 2.2 ml) for every day for 1 month then to the protocol timing of 3 days in a row on and 4 days off.

Three months post op, I again returned to UW-MADISON for an X-ray and ultrasound. They found no evidence of any disease at any of the 5 cancer sites (mast cell tumor site, liposarcoma site, plasma cell tumor site, anal sac tumor site, and abdominal lymph node site). Her bloodwork was all fine, too. The oncologist I talked with (different from the one I had met post surgery) was not at all interested in my using fenbendazole for treating Lizzy's cancer.

I told them I probably would not return until 6 months for more X-rays and another ultrasound (\$500 each visit is too much for me to do every 3 months—I still owe \$2500 from the July surgery and recheck exam in October).

If I didn't know Lizzy has cancer, I wouldn't know it by her behavior. She's actually a bit more active than she has been in a while. I'm continuing with the protocol dose and her supplements and am feeding a raw diet. I will more than likely continue with the fenbendazole protocol for the rest of her life. Joe Tippens is also doing this, and he is now about 2.5 years NED (no evidence of disease) when he was given about 3 months to live before using the fenbendazole.

If you have a need (human or animal) for this protocol, I suggest reading the blog at MyCancerStory.rocks (reading this will get you the password needed to join the Facebook group by the same name). There is also a MyCancerStory.rocks for Pets Facebook group. At both sites are lots of great information, success stories, and supportive people--to join, you either need to have cancer or are a care-giver for someone with cancer (or a pet owner with a pet who has cancer).

This protocol gives hope, but it does take time to work. If someone has questions, I would be more than happy to answer them. I do not consider Lizzy "cured." Cancer has a way of appearing and re-appearing (even when someone is thought to be "cured"--I thought I had dodged a bullet in January when both cancers came back as low-grade 1 tumors with no evidence of it metastasizing. I was wrong.). I am continuing with the protocol in hopes of preventing that from happening. Joe Tippens is still NED, so his story gives hope.

The cancer-specific supplements Lizzy is taking are:

2.2 ml fenbendazole M, T, W

Daily:

2 tablets CAS Options (mushrooms and liver support)

1 Vitamin E as shown in Joe's protocol

15 drops CBD oil from Bluebird Botanicals

6mg curcumin (from Mercola)

Max's Concentrated formula (from holistic vet)

Grizzly salmon or pollack oil (6 pumps per day)



CCA 2019

by Deb Krebsbach

A big thank you to all the members and friends of Northern Flyway GRC for hosting another successful CCA on November 2, despite all the challenges we ended up facing for this particular event!

Things started happening mid-day on Thursday, when Marcia Schlehr, one of our evaluators, informed us she would be unable to come to Wisconsin due to a sick dog at home. We are grateful that Sandi Haessler was able to fill in on such short notice! This was her first CCA assignment, and she did a great job! (And good news, Marcia's young bitch made a full recovery!)

The morning of the CCA, those of us driving up early to Custer from the eastern part of the state ran into a VERY impressive and unexpected snowstorm around Lomira, which lasted all the way up to the Fremont area – cars and trucks off the road, traffic moving about 35 mph due to the poor visibility and very slippery road conditions. We all made it safely, but it was a challenging start to the day and late arrival times required us to “roll with it” when it came to the evaluation schedule!

One participant, having arrived later than planned, hurried in with her dog to get him measured, only to have him stung by a hornet that had somehow made its way onto the building floor. Thankfully, due to the quick action of Cathy Elmer, who had Benadryl on board, the dog was okay and later able to participate... but yet again, another “roll with it” incident with the evaluation schedule.

Offsetting those challenges was the stunning autumnal decorations and marvelous array of breakfast foods and hot beverages welcoming one and all, courtesy of the hard work and creative talent of Sue Fecht. Later that morning, Marilyn Hartman and Cathy Elmer arrived with a delicious and bountiful lunch spread and lots of fabulous desserts... thank you, ladies! The tradition of feeding people well at our events continued in grand style this day!

A big note of appreciation to Ellen Hardin, who graciously allowed the club use of her training building for this annual event; to Sue Fecht who not only prepared the breakfast and decorated the tables, but arrived on Friday to help set up the building; to Cindy Pischke, who not only took all the necessary photos for this event (each dog is photographed for front and profile shots, which is easier said than done, some-

times!), but did the official height measuring as well; to Cathey Ralph, who served as an awesome ring assistant all day; to Deb Seline, who served as official chair of the event and worked as both a ring and table assistant all day; to Monika Luebke, who generously agreed to take a few candid shots at the event; and to Josie Trad, who, though not an NFGRC member, came up from the Milwaukee area and volunteered her time as a ring assistant.

We owe a debt of gratitude to our talented CCA evaluators, Tom Schulz, Ellen Hardin and Sandi Haessler, who gave freely of their time and expertise this day to help us better understand the Golden Retriever standard and how it relates to our own dogs; and finally, to all our participants, who not only brought their dogs but open minds, willing and interested in learning more!

Thanks to all who made the 2019 NFGRC CCA, despite all the little set-backs and challenges, a wonderfully worthwhile day!



WCX 2019

By Deb Krebsbach

Northern Flyway GRC was blessed with an absolutely PERFECT day for field work on Sunday, September 8, the day of our 2019 WC/WCX test. Cool temps, with cloud cover and a soft breeze all day, made for great working conditions for the dogs – almost as if we had imported the weather directly from the Scottish Highlands to Webshire, just for the test!

Webshire was again picture perfect – the grounds and ponds, as always, immaculate and beautifully maintained. Our club is so fortunate to have Brian and Lisa Hartfield as club members and generous hosts for this event. Every year, our birds for the test are delivered to their bird pens sometime during the week prior, so the club never has to worry about late bird deliveries, or how to house the birds to keep them safe, nor how to transport them to the test grounds. We can always order more birds than we might use, so we never run short, and the Hartfields are kind enough to buy any extras after the test, so it is a win-win for the club in every way! This year, Brian was able to be on site and offered to coordinate the equipment and popper station set-ups – it was an immense help!

Chris Heckel did an amazing job in coordinating workers for the test – always a challenging task, but Chris put together a great team. Sue and Bob Roeske, Cathey Ralph, Leo Bowers (Ellen Hardin's kennel helper), Shawn Dombroski, and her husband, Jon, with their son, Matt, and his girlfriend, worked hard all day, and their efforts paid off in a smoothly run test. All these folks are very new to the club and to field work. Without their help, we could not have hosted this event – THANKS to all of you for stepping up and being willing to learn on the job – well done!

We were fortunate to have Judy Rathbun marshal for both stakes. Having a knowledgeable and organized marshal is often the difference between a good test and a poor one, and we were in excellent hands with Judy at the helm. Not only did she marshal all day, but she also ran her Zoom as test dog and pick-up dog when needed. Our worker team was topped off by the talented



brothers, Josiah and Chris Lusk, as test gunners. Good gunners are absolutely essential to a well-run event, and these two young men, even though they are not club members, do an outstanding job every year for Northern Flyway. They also manage to help with much of the “heavy lifting” behind the scenes... catching and crating the birds, etc.

And the “cherry on top of the sundae” that is our annual WC/WCX test must certainly be the hospitality tent! Following in the great tradition of, first, Marilyn Hartman, and then Karen Smith and Nancy Sawdo, Sue Fecht, with help from new member Mary Hert, did a fantastic job of feeding and watering all of us! There were hot and cold beverages available all day, with delicious breakfast treats in the morning and an amazing array of food for lunch. Test participants, judges, workers and spectators were all welcomed in grand style – thank you, ladies!

We missed our official test photographer, Cindy Pischke, that day, as unfortunately she had to cancel the night before due to a terrible cold and flu bug. The calvary arrived on Sunday in the person of Deb Seline, who graciously agreed to come at the very last minute to take the official test photos. As always, Deb also helped wherever she was needed... preparing rosettes to be awarded, helping with the paperwork, etc.

And last but not least, we had two excellent judges in John Pena, Jr. and our own Cathi Kanoose. They set up beautifully fair tests and were wonderful to both test staff and exhibitors alike. Special kudos to both of them, also, for being willing to let NFGRC include not only the Standard Poodles but the Tollers as well. This always

entails more work for the judges, as the rules are a bit different for each breed, and we try to honor them as best we can. You two were gracious and good judges – great ambassadors for the sport. And finally, we thank the young lady many of us have seen grow up over the years, from little girl on, for her absolutely outstanding rendition of the National Anthem prior to the test. Hannah Hartfield is certainly following in her mother's footsteps when it comes to performing this difficult piece with artistry and feeling. Very few dry eyes after her performance. And in keeping with the family tradition of helpfulness and talent, Christian Hartfield was kind enough to take some candid photos the day of the test when he learned Cindy was unable to attend... his photos are wonderful and will be used on the new website. Thank

you, Brian and Lisa, for raising such accomplished and good-hearted children! As I conclude this little report on the WC/WCX test, it occurs to me that anyone reading it will understand the greatest truth about dog events... it really does take a VILLAGE to make them happen. Thanks to each and every one of you who make the effort to balance your own goals and ambitions with serving the greater good "behind the scenes" or as an important "cog" in the wheel. We can never thank you enough... each of you make the dog world a good place to be, one event at a time!

Members in the Ribbons

Ariell's a Hint of Mint "Petey" earned her first nosework title as Novice interior at Western Waukesha DTC

*MACH2 SHR Ariell's Burning Bush UDX WC JH "Moses" earned a second place in Utility B at Timber Ridge Obedience Training Club
Congrats to owner Ellen Hardin*

*Trademark Woodwing Night Light "Beacon" earned a 3 point major at Madera Canyon KC, making him a new champion!
Beacon is owned by Pat Vanden Heuvel*