

## 2012 Cotton Classic Regional Specialty

Southbound GSMD Club - 2nd Quarter 2012

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On the Cover: Best in Specialty 2012 Cotton Classic Winner: BISS GCH Sawmill's Nymph of Riverwalk. "Daphne" is owned by Denise Glass, Judy Brown Fletcher, and Laura Bullock. Handled by Lenny Brown.

Newsletter Editor: Laura Bullock

#### **President's Message**

Well, another Cotton Classic is in the history books and once again Val Guthrie chaired a fabulous show. It was exciting to see GCH Sawmill's Nymph of Riverwalk ("Daphne") take home the big prize. She is only the second bitch in the history of the show to win. Congratulations to Daphne's owners and to all the other winners over the weekend.

A number of Southbounders pitched in to make the show successful and to provide fun and entertainment for our Swissys. Thanks to Val Guthrie who is our Specialty Show Chair extraordinaire. Of course many others lent a hand. Laura Bullock was trophy chair, Linda Patton organized the ringside breakfast, Faye Erickson organized the raffle, and Jan Clifford came to the rescue and coordinated the Fun Day activities in addition to setting up and managing the trophy table during the show. Molly, Scott, Stacey, Stewart, the Sparks, the Floyds and so many others helped over the weekend. Brenda and Harry Naylor had an impromptu cookout on Friday night and it was most appreciated by Southbounders who were able to attend. A special thanks to Brenda who was our Sweeps judge!

We are looking forward to our next big event coming this Fall. We have arranged to combine the Swissypalooza (working dog extravaganza) with a supported show in Marietta, GA. In addition to two days of conformation and obedience/rally trials, there will be a draft trial, two weight pulls, and two hikes. We also plan to have a social event or two during the four-day event. The details of the event can be found at www.swissypalooza.weebly.com

I hope to see all of you October 26 – 29th at Swissypalooza@Marietta. Until then...

Swissy regards,

Melissa Jarriel Southbound President



#### **2012 Cotton Classic Results**



#### Sweepstakes Classes Judge - Mrs. Brenda Naylor

Best in Sweepstakes - CH Fireside's Pick Me Out A Winner BN "Hobbs"
Melissa & Brett Jarriel
Best of Opposite in Sweepstakes - Halfmoon's Cupboard Under the Stairs "Lola"
Jeff & Lydia Ellington

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes - CH Riverwalk's Lunar Diademe "Deme"

Judy & Steve Fletcher

Best of Opposite in Veteran Sweeps - CH Halfmoon's Colonel Crockett "Davy"

Molly Eichhoefer

#### Regular Classes Judge - Dr. Bill Newman

Best of Breed - GCH Sawmill's Nymph of Riverwalk "Daphne" Judy Fletcher, Laura Bullock, Denise Glass

Best of Opposite Sex - GCH Living Waters Coda Bear "Coda" - Stacey Gwin

Select Dog - GCH Derby's X Marks the Spot "Ditto" - Debbie Echols & Mac MacFadden Select Bitch - CH Brookhaven's Hattie Carnegie "Hattie" - Molly Eichhoefer Award of Merit - CH Halfmoon's Prairie Rose "Rosie" - Jeff & Lydia Ellington Award of Merit - CH Riverwalk's Lunar Diademe "Deme" - Judy & Steve Fletcher

Winners Dog and Best of Winners - Halfmoon's Super Mario Brothers "Bowser"

Miles Patton and Molly Eichhoefer

Winners Bitch - Halfmoon's Cupboard Under the Stairs "Lola" - Jeff & Lydia Ellington

Reserve Winners Dog - Rivendell Noble Bushido Jadan - Dolores Dorsey Reserve Winners Bitch - Geveden Live Oak's Sweet Basil "Basil" Paula and Spencer Botkin

Veteran Bitch - CH Riverwalk's Lunar Diademe "Deme" - Judy & Steve Fletcher

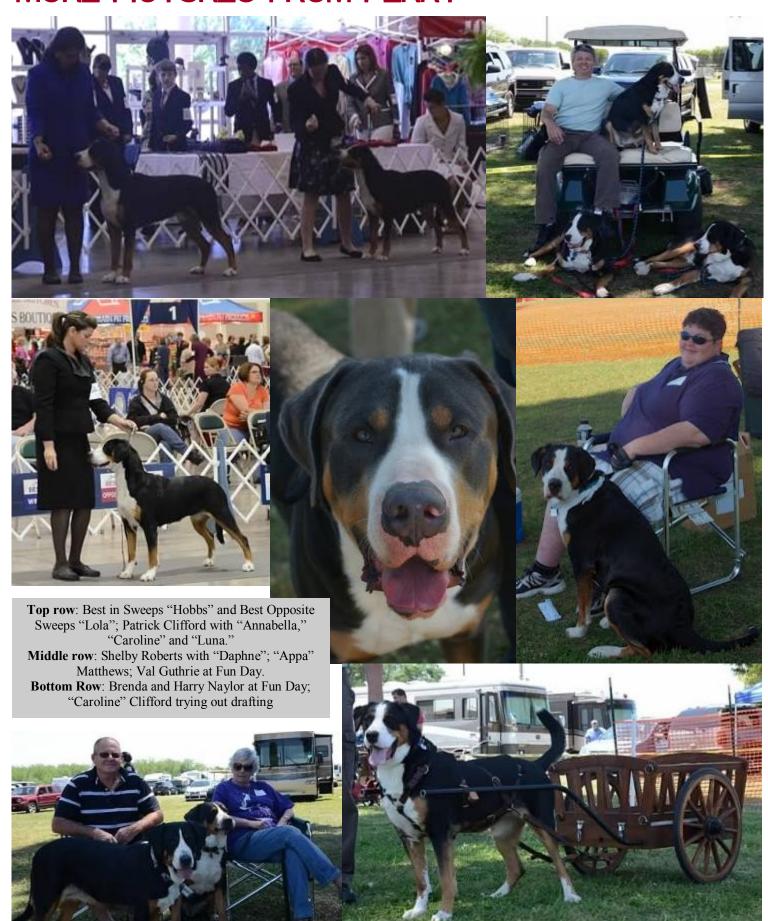
Best Junior Handler - Samantha Mathis

#### PICTURES FROM PERRY



Clockwise, from top left: Samantha and Stewart Mathis with "Penny", Miles Patton with "Bowser", "Hobbs" Jarriel at Fun Day, Jan Clifford and "Annabella", Madeline Gwin and "Nakoma"

#### MORE PICTURES FROM PERRY



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**Top Row:** Veterans Sweeps: "Davy," "Lucy," and "Deme," Best Junior Samantha Mathis with "Penny." **Middle Row:** Stewart Mathis with "GiGi" and "Penny;" Winners Bitch Line-up: "Annabella" Clifford, "Lola" Ellington, and "Candy" Floyd. **Bottom:** Best of Breed competition: "Hobbs" Jarriel, "Ditto" Echols/McFadden, "Coda Gwin," and "Davy" Eichhoefer.

#### GCH Livings Waters Coda Bear

## "CODA"

A very special thank you to Judge Dr. Bill Newman



Best of Opposite Sex – 2012 Cotton Classic Specialty

Owned, handled, and loved by Stacey Gwin

## CH Fireside's Pick Me Out A Winner, BN "Hobbs"

DOB 11-22-2010



Thank you Judge Brenda Naglar



Cotton Classic Regional Specialty Best in Sweepstakes



New Champion Spartanburg Kennel Club Show Greenville, SC

Bred By Laura Bullock

Owned and Adored By Melissa and Brett Jarriel

BISS CH Rippling Waters Havelock Key, CDX, NAP, AJP, MDD, BDD, WPDX, WWDX, VGSX X Sawmill's She's A Sure Shot

#### **Xylitol Ingestion**

#### by Cathy Overton

Last week I had my first experience at the Emergency Vet Clinic. On Wednesday evening my 3 1/2 year old Swissy, Dixie, found a large unopened container of Ice Cubes Ice Breakers Gum, the 40 count pack. The large pack comes in a cup which was on the counter with some other groceries, but I made sure to push everything way back so Dixie wouldn't get them. I still cannot imagine how she reached it without the aid of a step stool. But she did. When I returned to the kitchen to put up the rest of the groceries, I noticed the gum was missing. I went to

check the car, then the cabinets, even the refrigerator, thinking I might have absent-mindedly put it somewhere by mistake. I didn't find it. I looked all over the kitchen for any signs that Dixie might have gotten it. The kitchen was clean, no trace of any evidence left behind. Finally, I got on my hands and knees and crawled around the floor to find any sign of a package. I found the tiniest fraction of a white piece of plastic. It looked just like plastic from the cup that the gum came in. I immediately started pouring hydrogen peroxide down her throat to get her to vomit. I gave her two extra large

doses with no results, so I called the E vet. I had learned about the dangers of Xylitol from the GSMD forum when Dixie was just a pup. I knew that only a few pieces could be very dangerous and that she was in grave danger after eating 40 pieces. The E vet wanted me to bring her in immediately to induce vomiting.

At the e-vet, they did get her to vomit, but they said it took a lot to get her started. From the contents of the vomit they were able to identify the wrapper and the plastic cup pieces, but not much of the gum. The E vet thought that it had already been absorbed, but my regular vet thinks it had turned to syrup in the stomach and there may have been more of the gum

vomited up than first thought. They started an IV with Dextrose and kept her overnight in ICU. The immediate danger for Xylitol ingestion is a rapid drop in blood sugar levels. During the night they did bloodwork to check her sugar levels. I called at 2:30 am and she was still doing fine. They were planning to get more blood at 4 am. At 6am I called for a report. Her blood sugar level was 107, pretty much normal. I picked her up at 7am and on the advice of the Emergency vet, I took her to her regular vet for further observation. Her vet kept her all day Thursday and did

several blood sugar levels throughout the day. At one point her level dropped to 57, but they were able to get her back up into the 70's pretty

quickly. By the time I got her at 6pm, she was in the 80's. The vet cautioned me what to look for and we headed for home. Dixie looked well and did fine until about 11pm. She was lying on the kitchen floor and she was so relaxed that she looked like she was molded right into the tile. I knew right away that she was in trouble. I called her name; she opened her eyes, but no other response. I bent over and called again....nothing. I excitedly asked her if she wanted to go out-

side and she managed to lift one paw and gave me a weak, slow, pitiful wave, but still didn't lift her head at all. I immediately reached for some doggie bones. At the sound of the box, she lifted her head, but did not attempt to get up. She ate the bones readily and I followed that up with some kibble. In very short order, she was back to normal and did well the rest of the night. Had she not lifted her head to eat the bones, I would have started rubbing syrup on her gums for fast absorption.

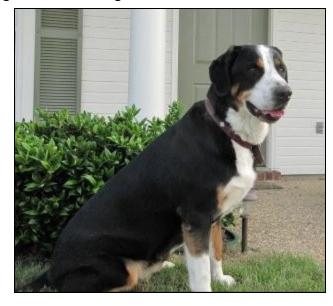
The next day I dropped her at the vets again so they could monitor her while I was a work. She did well and showed no more signs of low sugar. We all

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breathed a sigh of relief at this good news, but there was another issue that had to be addressed. The next big concern after Xylitol ingestion is liver damage. Whereas the blood sugar levels are critical in the first 12 hours, damage to the liver may not show up for 72 hours. So we had come to our critical day, the day she was to be tested for any liver damage. At this point she still had the angio-cath in her leg. Both her vets wanted it to re-

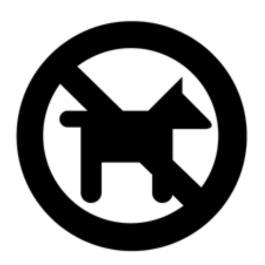
main in just in case they needed IV access in a hurry. I have to wonder why a dog that can totally ignore an angiocath in her leg would stretch to impossible lengths to get a plastic cup to eat.

After reading for two days about the dangers associated with Xylitol ingestion, I can tell you I was relieved to have come that far without a major medical issue arising. But we were not out of the woods yet. And though I was very thankful for our progress so far, I was very nervous and anxious to get results from this test. There are no signs of liver damage until the damage is done. The vets tell me that Dixie's size was a big plus in her favor. I think getting her to vomit so quickly after the fact was another plus. I was holding my breath and trusting that God would give me many more years with my sweet Dixie dog. I waited in the vet's office for the test results. Twenty minutes is a



long time to hold your breath. When my vet came in with the test results in his hand, he held it up and said, "I want you to look at this pretty sight". The levels were all perfectly normal. Both the sugar level and the liver enzymes were slap in the middle of the normal range. I wanted to laugh and cry at the same time. I was so glad to have this episode behind me with no long term damage to my girl. Now I just want to spread the word to other dog owners about the dangers of Xylitol and the many products that it is in. I have listed below just some of the products that contain Xylitol. There are many more. The biggest danger comes from the products that have Xylitol listed as the number one ingredient. Dixie happened to pick the gum with the highest concentration of Xylitol of all the gums on the market.

I would like to give credit for saving Dixie's life to the fast action of the MS State University Animal Emergency and Referral Clinic and to the continued monitoring and care to Dr. Brian Holt in the Hometown Veterinary Clinic, Brandon, Ms.



#### **Dangers of Xylitol ingestion:**

- Xylitol is a sugar free sweetener used in many products
- Xylitol is very toxic to dogs and only small amounts can lower blood sugar to a dangerous level
- Low blood sugar is evident within the first 12 hours
- Liver damage usually shows up after 72 hours
- Even small amounts can be extremely dangerous
- Xylitol is in many household food products such as toothpaste, sugar-free jello, mints, gums, and kids vitamins
- Xylitol can and does cause death in dogs

Peroxide can be used to induce vomiting, but needs to be used quickly after ingestion. Peroxide needs to be fresh for it to work. Replace your bottle with a new one at least every 6 months.

#### A "Stinging" Emergency

#### by Laura Bullock

When I got home one afternoon, River, 18 months old, was not herself. She was lethargic and was drooling a little bit and barely wagged her tail to see me. My roommate said she had been outside with her dog for about 2 hours unattended. I asked her if River had gotten into anything, and she said she didn't know, as she just left them outside to play. Over the next hour, River didn't want to play with the puppies and just wanted to sleep - this is NOT like her at all. Around 8pm when there was no change in her

energy and she was drooling even more, I took her to the ER vet about 30 minutes away.

At my DEMAND, we checked her spleen, and it was okay. Her temperature was very, very high - 104.9 F (normal temperature is about 100-102 F), and she had a high white blood cell count. At their insistence, I left her overnight at the ER vet. Her temp came

down a little with the IV fluids and antibiotics. They gave her some Cerenia to help with the nausea, as she was continuing to drool excessively. The ER vet had no idea what was wrong at that point and wanted to focus on bringing down the temperature. I kept asking about the drooling, as she may have gotten into something outside since we have some wild mushrooms that spring up in the yard after rain, but the vet did not think she was presenting with this type of problem.

Around 4am, I spoke with the attending vet, and River had suddenly developed an extremely inflamed area on her neck. They aspirated it and the fluid was clear. I picked her up from the ER vet at 8am Friday morning and took her to my vet at 9am. During that hour, I noticed she was having some labored breathing. My vet and I had been in contact since around midnight, so he knew what was going on. When we got there, my vet immediately put her on fluids, rubbed her pads with alcohol to help get her temp down, put her on cold packs, and gave her a steroid shot - based on the concerns with the drooling and the mass that suddenly developed on her neck. By the



time I got her to him the mass on her neck had doubled in size, and was about the size of a softball. My vet was very concerned about drooling and the mass on the neck agreed that the high fever was a result of something going on, and if we could address the issue. the fever would down. come wanted to stay with her at my vet's office, but he told me

to go home and get some sleep, as I was exhausted and very stressed and emotional - worried about baby River.

Around 2pm, my vet called to say she was doing much better - her temperature was down to 103.1 F, and she was sleeping comfortably. Her breathing was almost normal, and the mass on her neck was down to the size of a tennis ball. He wanted to keep her on IV fluids and antibiotics and was checking her temperature every other hour. He was also giving her a steroid injection every 4 hours, as he said there was NO question that she was having an allergic reaction

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(anaphylaxis) – a textbook reaction, as a matter of fact. Remember, she presented originally with lethargy and horrible drooling and had been outside (unattended) prior to the symptoms. Then, a mass developed on her neck, and her breathing was labored. We shaved the area of her neck once the swelling went down a bit, but there were no signs of a sting or a bite on the outside of her neck.

When I picked her up at 6pm, the mass on her neck was down to a golf ball size, she wagged her tail to see me, and her temperature was at 102.1 F. I took her home and slept downstairs with her overnight. She slept through the night without any problems. In the morning, the mass on her neck was down even more, and her temperature was 101 F. I took her into my vet at 9am to have the IV catheter removed and to have her looked over one more time. After he gave her the once-over, he gave me a big hug and said since she's out of woods, he wanted to tell me that we almost lost her. He said the first hour or so after I dropped her off were really touch and go, but once the steroids kicked in, she began to improve immediately and let out some deep breaths.

Needless to say, it was an exhausting few days. She's on the mend now, but she was still very tired for several days, and we were concerned that the high temperatures could have caused some brain damage, but she now appears to be unaffected and is back to her normal self about a month later.



The diagnosis was anaphylaxis based on her eating a spider, hornet, or another nasty bug - that stung/ bit her in the throat on its way down since we could not find any indication of anything getting her on the outside of her neck. Again - it presented with lethargy and excessive drooling, followed by a large swollen area on her neck about 12 hours later. River and I are very lucky that she made it through this, and now that I know what to look for, I will insist that my dog(s) be given a steroid injection if there is any concern about anaphylaxis again.

"The vet said there was NO question she was having an allergic reaction (anaphylaxis) - a textbook reaction, as a matter of fact. Remember, she presented originally with lethargy and horrible drooling...."

#### He's Bloating!

#### by Faye Erickson

When I brought Gunner (Ch. Bermuda High's Top Gun) home from Cilla Phillips' house, one of the first things I was told, and told, and told, was watch out for bloat. Learn the symptoms, be alert, and WATCH OUT FOR BLOAT. It can kill your dog if you don't catch it in time. Needless to say, a note with all of the symptoms of bloat lived on my refrigerator (under a Swissy magnet, of course) for ten years. It finally fell apart and somehow did not get replaced.

Fast forward – it's April, 2012, and I'm getting ready to go to Perry, Georgia, for the Swissy Fun Day and Cotton Classic. It's Saturday evening, about 9:30. I (finally) notice that Magnum (Reinherz Mystere) isn't his usual happy self. He's restless, won't lie down, and when he does, he whines and gets right back up. He paces. He's dry hacking – lots of times. It dawns on me that something is not right with my dog. I immediately went to the GSMDCA website and check out the symptoms for bloat. Magnum was right on with his symptoms. Kim Floyd had posted a video of an Akita that was going into bloat and I had moved it to my "keep" file. I looked at that. Again, Magnum was right on.

I called the emergency vet and told them I was bringing a dog that was bloating. The tech said they would be waiting for us. I threw Magnum in the van and headed for the emergency vet, hitting 75 mph on the freeway, blew right by a highway patrol car. I told Magnum that if the patrolman wanted to give me a ticket, he would have to follow me, 'cause I wasn't stopping! He didn't.

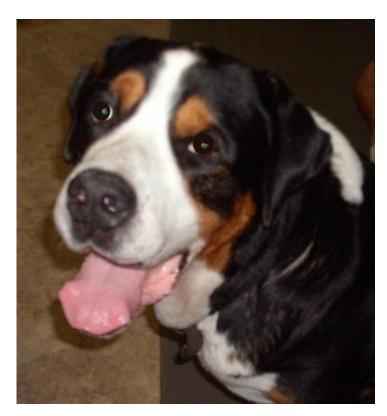
The emergency vet was waiting and took Magnum the minute we walked in. They were great – keeping me updated as they got him ready for surgery. Finally, at about 2:00 a.m. they came out and said that he was out of surgery and doing well. They kept him Sunday and let him come home on Monday. After I brought him home, they called several times

to see how he was doing. He did great! No chewing at stitches (actually, staples). I just had to keep Chopper (Boxer) away from him for a few days.

I have never been so scared in my whole life. I was so afraid that I had waited too long and I would lose him. The emergency vet was expensive, but I think they saved his life and would have paid the bill at ten times the cost. He's my boy and I couldn't do anything else.

The moral of this story?

Don't let your list of bloat symptoms die on the refrigerator – keep it handy, and WATCH FOR BLOAT!!



Ed Note: The video of the Akita showing all the classic signs of bloat can be viewed here:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1WrT2719yo

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## Newsflash! Southbound GSMD Club Combines Working Dog Extravaganza and Supported Entry Show

The Swissypalooza is a celebration of the Swissy's working spirit, as well as the ultimate social gathering of dog lovers.

This year's 4-day event will be held in conjunction with the Kennesaw Kennel Club Dog Show in



Marietta, GA and will begin on Friday, October 26, 2012.

The event will kick off with an all breed Draft Trial followed by weight pulls on Friday and Saturday evenings.

There will be two days of supported entries for the conformation show in addition to two days of obedience/rally and pack hikes.

Swissypalooza@Marietta
October 26—29, 2012
Jim Miller Park
Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield Park

See these websites for more details: www.swissypalooza.weebly.com www.southboundgsmdc.org

http://kennesawkennelclubinc.org/2012dogshows.cfm

#### **Tentative Schedule**

Draft Trial	10/26
Weight Pull	10/26
Conformation/Obedience/Rally	10/27
Weight Pull	10/27
Conformation /Obedience/Rally	10/28
Pack Hike	10/28
Pack Hike	10/29



#### **New Crate Tags for Southbound Members**

Available to 5+ year members for \$5/each!

Southbound has purchased a new version of the 5-year member crate tag. The first of these were awarded to this year's 5 year members during our annual membership meeting in Perry. These are metal luggage tags that allow each person to actually personalize their crate tags with contact information. The Board has decided to offer these tags to anyone that has already reached the 5-year level for \$5 each.

See a personalized example below:





Please contact Val Guthrie at the email address below to place your order. Tags are \$5 each if picked up in person or \$7 each for having them mailed. Payment may be sent to Val at the address below.

Val Guthrie 615 Penrod Place NW Lilburn, GA 30047 vguth29@aol.com 404-861-4988



#### Membership Committee Report Friday April 13, 2012

#### Numbers at a Glance

#### Tenure (in years)

Tenure Groups		Count	96
10 or more		16	26%
6-9		20	32%
3-5		7	11%
0-2		19	31%
	Total	62	100%

#### Members by State

Footprint	State	
Yes	AL	3
	FL	6
	GA	14
	LA	3
	MS	1
	NC	11
	SC	9
	TN	3
		50
No	KS	1
	MO	3
	NY	2
	OK	1
	TX	3
	VA	1
	WI	1
		12
To	otal	62

#### Types of Memberships

Membership Type		
Associate		1
Family		37
Individual		24
	Total	62

#### 2012 Member Milestones

Tenure 5 Year	Last Name Bullock Gwin
10 Year	Allen Chen Floyd O'Neill

#### Observations:

- Average tenure for active members is 6.77 years
- Combined years of experience 420 years
- 58% of the group has been members for 6+ years.
- 31% of members have joined within the past two years.
- 12 members indicated they are breeders
- There are 3 pending members/renewals



#### 2012 Membership Listing – Alphabetical by Last Name

Last	First	Membership
Allen	Amy	Individual
Bole	Greg	Family
Borgmeyer	Kathleen	Individual
Botkin	Spencer & Paula	Family
Bujok	Anna Bialas	Individual
Bullock	Laura	Individual
Capelli	Pam	Family
Carmody	Laurie	Individual
Chen	Jennie	Individual
Clifford	Jan & Patrick	Family
Combs	Vicki	Individual
Cook	Henry & Dianne	Family
Cook	Dianah	Family
Dake	Alan & Patricia	Family
Doody	Barbara	Individual
Dorman	Farra & Ken	Family
Eichhoefer	Molly	Individual
Erickson	Faye	Individual
Fassinger	Elizabeth	Individual
Floyd	Kim	Family
Galan	Lauren	Family
Guthrie	Val	Individual
Gwin	Stacey	Family
Henry	JP & Judy	Family
Henry	Gwendolyn	Individual
Horton	Amy	Family
Howard	Loy & Nola	Family
Jarriel	Melissa	Individual
Kalupa	Chuck & Pamela	Family
King	Tony	Family
Koprowski	Bill	Family
Mackenzie	Kimberly & Sean	Family
Massingill	Nicki & Larry	Family
Mathis	Stewart	Family

Last	First	Membership
Matthews	Evan & Tatiana	Associate
McClintick	Susan	Family
McFadden	Alan "Mac"	Family
Miller	Diana & Mark	Family
Naylor	Brenda	Family
Nebel	Kathy	Family
O'Neill	Natalie & Mark	Family
Overton	Cathy	Individual
Parks	Glenda	Individual
Patton	Scott	Family
Phillips	Cilla	Individual
Purnell	Greg & Karen	Family
Regnery	Lynn	Individual
Roderick	Peggy & David	Family
Romeo-Melerski	Kelly Romeo & Chris	Family
Rumfola	Kara & Mark	Family
Sabo	Denise	Family
Saxon	Pat	Individual
Schwartz	Nicky & Andy	Family
Sellick	Jane	Family
Sparks	Priscilla	Family
Stanhoff	Dolores	Family
Taylor	Elaine	Individual
Valle	Valerie	Individual
Volls	Bunty	Individual
Webb	Debbie	Individual
Wilson	Heather	Individual
Yanusz	Danny & Linda	Family

#### In Loving Memory of

## "DONALD"

#### Ch. Suma Shadetree Your Hired ROM



A gentle soul who loved everyone he met. He left us all too soon and with a void in our lives. His life was not measured in longevity, but in the joy he spread in his short time with us all. He made great contributions to the breed and in everyone's life he touched.

Rest in peace.

Denise and Marc Sabo

#### In Loving Memory of



#### Bermuda High's Miracle Max

(June 2005 – June 2012)





"From the jungles of Florida, to the mountains of Colorado, to the rivers and swamps of Louisiana. You've laughed and cried and traveled with me. You've healed my heart from many hurts and stomped your big paw prints all over it. And now have taken a huge piece with you. I'll miss you more than words can express. You left me much too soon."

Owned and adored by Valerie Valle

#### In Loving Memory of



#### Brendamine's My Red Neck Dog

(August 2003 – March 2012)



Owned and Loved by Brenda and Harry Naylor

#### UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE SOUTH

#### **Conformation Shows:**

July 27-29 Greenville, SC Aug 15-19 Greensboro, NC Aug 23-26 Atlanta, GA Aug 31-Sept 3 Raleigh, NC Sept 15-16 Pinehurst, NC Sept 21-23 Deland, FL Sept 29-30 Ocala, FL

#### **Mark Your Calendars:**

Swissypalooza! Oct 26-29 Marietta, GA

C&P Draft Trial Nov 10-12 Mt. Airy, MD



#### Southbound has a new logo!!!

And please check out our website to enjoy all the great "Front Porch" pictures:

www.southboundgsmdc.org