

# Desert Valley Dachshund Club

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## Letter From The Editor

Unfortunately, the Holiday Party was cancelled. Not many folks would have been able to attend due to all the busy schedules during the Holiday Season. I will try to reschedule something this spring, as we had a great time at the park last fall.

**I want to say a special thank you to members of DVDC for the GORGEOUS flower arrangement you sent me after my recent surgery!** I am now back in action feeling better than before!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYBODY!!!**

Eileen

## UPCOMING SHOWS

Mission City DC San Antonio, TX Feb 2, 2005  
Golden Gate DC San Jose, CA Feb 18-19, 2005  
Superstition KC Scottsdale, AZ Mar 4-5, 2005  
Scottsdale DFA Scottsdale, AZ Mar 6-7, 2005  
Lost Dutchman KC Queen Creek, AZ Mar 12-13, 2005  
Dallas-Ft Worth DC Ft Worth, TX Mar 25, 2005  
Houston DC Houston, TX Apr 5, 2005  
DACHSHUND CLUB OF AMERICA Houston, TX Apr 8-9, 2005

## Upcoming Activities

- Don't forget about Doxie Fun Day on March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- February Board Meeting on Wednesday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM at Marilyn Wright's house. Call Marilyn at 602-971-0525 for directions.
- March Membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM at Marilyn Wright's house.

## 2005 ANNUAL DUES ARE NOW PAST DUE!!!

**DON'T FORGET!!!** Dues were due by December 30<sup>th</sup>! Make checks payable to DVDC and mail them to:

Phil Benway, DVDC Treasurer  
1810 N. 202<sup>nd</sup> Ave  
Buckeye, AZ 86326

We had quite a mixup last year and several members were deleted from the membership roles. **YOUR MEMBER-SHIP WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY CANCELLED** if Phil does not receive your check **NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1, 2005!**



**REMINDER**

## Dachshund Fun Day!!!

Get ready, get set, GO! Dachshund Fun Day has been scheduled for Saturday morning, March 19, 2005 at Papago Park in Phoenix. Be sure to mark your calendars for this FANTASTIC event that is loads of fun for dogs and their people! This year we will have Agility competitions, dunking for hot dogs, Paw Painting, a Costume Contest, and much, much more!

Keep watching the newsletter for more information, and don't forget, we need LOTS of volunteers to run the events! If you would like to be involved in this activity, please call Marilyn Wright at 602/971-0525 or email her at [MWright@Mark-Taylor.com](mailto:MWright@Mark-Taylor.com)



ALSO, DON'T FORGET THAT WE NEED DONATIONS FOR PRIZES FOR THIS EVENT!!!

## Brag and Cry

**Charlotte Borghardt** is proud to announce another Champion. CH Teckelhof Roeslein Rot ML finished her championship from the BBE classes in Springfield, MASS.

**Eileen Lebut** brags that Arimich Midori von Links SL swept the Bitches at the Orlando shows in December. She went WB, BW and BOV over Specials on Friday, and WB, BW on Saturday and Sunday. Another Arimich son, Stolz Abraham Darby v Links SL was WD on Saturday and Sunday.

**Donna Weatherfield** brags that on January 8, 2005, Rondo T Rios American Anthem (Anna-Standard Wire Bitch) won her 4th major at the KC of Palm Springs under judge Owen Derryberry. All of Anna's wins to this point have been majors and all in Bred By Exhibitor. She still needs one more point.

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DOG OF THE MONTH

*Ch Jagie's Sunkissed*  
*Murphy's Law*  
"Murphy"



**\*Note...this article was written by Sandra McDaniel, a former DVDC member. She co-owns Murphy with Eric Henningsen, and since Murph lives with her, I asked her to write this article!**

Ch. Jagies Sunkissed Murphys Law was whelped on February 21, 1998 (Ch. Galadachs Sunkissed x Ch Whistlestop's Red Alex v Jagie). Murphy finished easily with 3 majors in his first four weekends out, including a Best of Variety for a 4 point major at Rio Grande Kennel Club on May 16, 1999. Murphy's show career was quite short because he had this idea that he deserved to stay at home with me and would pout when Eric took him out for the weekend. Murphy seemed to think that day one was fun, day two was not. So the lesson ended up being that a dog with a promising show career, such as Murphy, really should not live in a non-show home. However, I was thrilled and honored to have Murphy in my life and tend to think his life with me made up for what it cost in the show ring. This became even more obvious when Murphy developed serious prostate issues at the young age of four and had to be neutered. For Murphy, the surgery was a non-event and he just continued to be happy as can be living in our home.

Eric was lucky enough to get two litters out of Murphy before the prostate problem became an issue. These two litters produced three Champions: Ch. Jagie's Ladies Man, DC Jagie's Sunkissed Phoenix, and Ch. Jagie's Erica of Darshan SS. Phoenix has at least twenty Champion offspring to his credit and was the #2 producing smooth Dachshund for 2003. He is also leading in the 2004 competition for top stud dog through the September postings (we are awaiting final results from Dog News). Ladies Man has also produced Champions and we expect some from Erica soon. So it is apparent that even with a much shortened life as a stud dog Murphy has indeed left his mark.

Murphy is an easy dog to live with. He is calm, loving, and devoted. In fact, he is everything I had hoped to get in a son of Kissy. I met his mother when she whelped her very first litter because I was covering a short gap in supervisory time and ended up delivering the first pup. What an experience that was for a former cat breeder who did not know until she was sitting with the marvelous black bitch that she was not just any dog. Kissy accepted me like she knew me her whole life and gracefully allowed me to help with that very difficult first pup. I knew then that I wanted one of her babies and it was not until the second litter that I fulfilled that dream. I have been very grateful to Eric for trusting me with Murphy. Murphy came home with me when he was about 8 weeks old, and he developed into the dog that Eric thought he would be and that I hoped for. He is sound, moves beautifully, has an excellent rear, awesome top line, gorgeous head, excellent substance, well made feet, superb temperament and sense of humor, and just generally a beautiful dog inside and out.

My heartfelt thanks go to Eric for trusting me enough to allow me to share my life with this wonderful dog.



Look at that topline!



The buddies (Roper and Murphy)



Who's herding WHOM?

## **Field Events Corner**

### **Sun Country Terrier Club presents Working Earthdog Seminars with Jo Ann Frier-Murza**

Come Join Us on Friday, April 8, 2005, the day before our spring 2005 AKC Earthdog trial and participate in this working Earthdog seminar, conducted by JoAnn Frier-Murza. There will be 1 hour sessions in small groups for beginner dogs (those with little or no prior experience). Also, there will be a session for those working in Junior Earthdog and one for those working in Senior Earthdog. There will also be a short lecture presentation during lunch, and a question/answer opportunity to pick JoAnn's brain about this really fun sport. Finally, signing up for a seminar slot will also entitle you and your dog to play the really fun rating game JoAnn calls "Search and Partnership".

JoAnn is one of the creators of the AKC Earthdog program and a pioneer in the Earthdog movement in this country since she first began hunting with terriers in 1971. She is the founder of the New Jersey Beanfield Earthdog Club; she is currently President of the Border Terrier Club of America; and has been an officer or served on the Board of such organizations as the American Working Terrier Association and the Garden State All Terrier Club. She trains, hunts, and trials her own terriers and dachshunds. JoAnn is the author of the #1 book on Earthdog, *Earthdog Ins & Outs*. She will autograph your copy if you have one, and will also have some for sale.

**WHEN:** APRIL 8, 2005 (the day before the Sun Country Terrier Club's AKC Earthdog trial at the same location)

**WHERE:** Dead Horse Ranch State Park, 675 Dead Horse Ranch Road, Cottonwood, AZ.

**COST:** The \$40 per dog entitles each dog to a 45 minute to 1 hour small group working session, a lecture and Q and A session over the lunch hour, and the Ratings for Ratings Earthdog game (also called Search and Partnership). It also entitles you to watch any/all of the other working sessions)

### **Entry Form**

Please return this form, with a check in the amount of \$40 per dog, made out to Sun Country Terrier Club. Send it to Billie A. Rosen, PMB 191 5830 W. Thunderbird Rd. #B-8, Glendale, Arizona 85306

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**DOG'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**BREED** \_\_\_\_\_

**DOG'S EARTHDOG EXPERIENCE/TITLES** \_\_\_\_\_

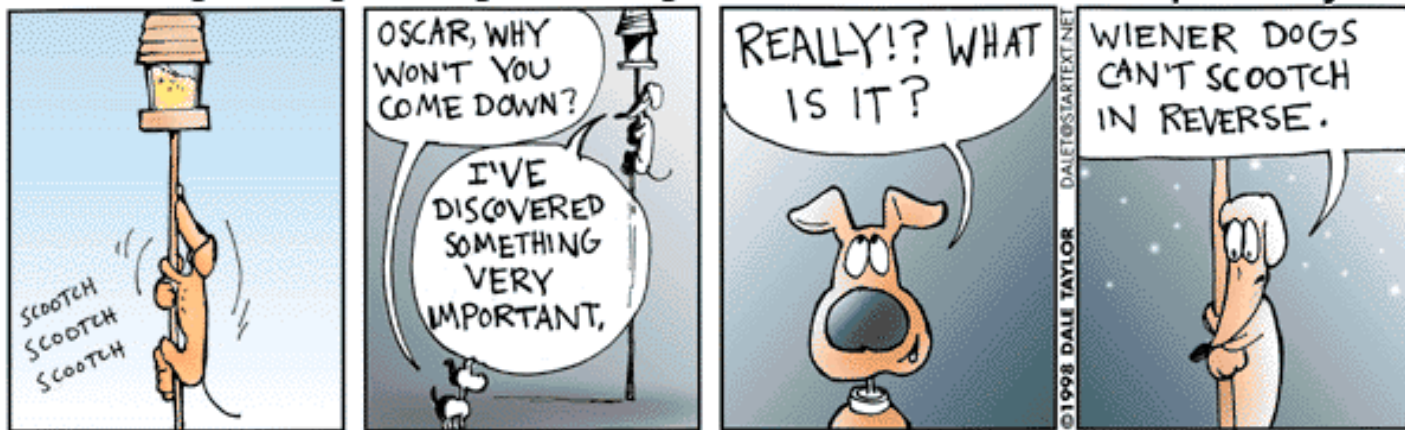
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### **RALLY - A NEW TITLE CHANCE!**

*by Cris Baldwin, DVDC member*

About a year ago I realized Sawyer has almost enough points for his Versatility title, so I've been picking a place to get those final points. He's gone as far as he can in agility, so it had to be something else. Along came Rally! It is a variation of obedience, where there is a course set up with signs at each station telling you what to do when you get there. The whole thing is timed, too, but the time is only used to break ties. The heel position is a lot more lenient than in regular obedience, but the best part is that you can talk to your dog all you want! I was always getting eliminated in regular obedience because I'd use a hand signal AND a verbal, or a two word verbal, or say it twice, or some such thing, which was frustrating. I always talk to Sawyer, and of course he understands every word...

At DCA 2004 we had a demo course set up for Rally, and a handful of people participated. On January 1, 2005 it became a titling event, so it will be official at DCA2005. You can download the rules and signs at the AKC website, and on Jan 15 there is a Fun Match in Phoenix where you can try your luck. We've done a few courses and I have found that the biggest challenge I have is that I am literal, not visual, so it takes me a while to figure out what the signs mean. Sawyer is fine, but I know he laughs at me when I'm not looking! So, for those of you who think agility looks like fun, but figure you can't get out there and run, here's your chance to have fun with your dog, and get a title too!



## Decorating With Dogs

- Author Unknown

Decorating when you have pets can provide unique opportunities to express your own personal style and taste.

Here are some tips I'd

like to share:

1. Bare floors, without carpet or throw rugs, can give a nice open feeling to a room. It can provide a soothing balance when you have many art objects that reflect your love of animals.
2. Paw prints and nose smudges on glass doors and windows, break up glare and soften the light in a room.
3. Dog crates, when stacked three high, can add height to a room and pull the eye up. If fastened securely to the wall, the top can provide a safe and dramatic place for exotic plants or statuary that otherwise might be molested by your pets. An up-light can make it a real focal point. Cats love to inhabit the upper crates, leaving the lower ones for the dogs.
4. Old towels and blankets thrown casually on upholstered furniture can add a wonderful homey, country-quilt look to an otherwise bland room.
5. Common smooth upholstery fabrics can look almost velvety when lightly textured with pet hair.
6. Vari-kennels, placed end to end and topped with plate glass can create an unusual coffee table, one your friends will really remember.
7. Doggie beds, randomly placed around a room, can add color and texture, much as throw pillows do.
8. Shredded or chewed books and magazines send a message to guests that they are free to relax and feel at home.
9. Dog crates can make versatile end tables, and can be slip-covered to match any room decor.
10. There is absolutely nothing that makes a guest feel as welcome as two or three friendly dogs hopping in his lap as soon as he sits down.

**So throw away those videos by Martha and others, and express your own unique tastes. Your home should reflect what YOU like!**

## February General Mtg

The February General Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 9, 2005 at the home of Eileen Lebut. The main topic of discussion will be **Doxie Fun Day** planning. Directions: Take US 60 to Higley Road exit, go right (south) to Guadalupe (2<sup>nd</sup> light), turn left, left at the second street (Kennith), then left at the second court (Mockingbird). My house is the second on the left, next to the Park. Address: 3529 E. Mockingbird Ct., Gilbert. Phone number: 480-539-5667.

***This meeting is open to anyone, and we invite and encourage non members to attend!***

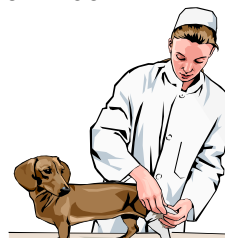
## The Power of Pumpkin

Submitted by Jan Anholt

This is a great home remedy for diarrhea. It was given to me by Dr. Mike Lent. "Use pumpkin for both diarrhea and constipation" he said. I have adapted it to work very quickly in getting most dogs back to a normal diet in a few days with no weight loss.

If your dog gets diarrhea, give him about 1 Tablespoon of canned pumpkin and one Tablespoon of cooked rice the first meal. 12 hours later, increase this to 1/4 cup of each, (adjust according to the dogs size). I use 1/2 of the normal meal size for the 2nd feeding. Repeat in 12 hours. GRADUALLY, start mixing small amounts of the dogs dry food to this mixture over the next 24 hours. You might need to add a bit of water if it is too dry but by the 3rd or 4th day your dog should be totally ready to resume their regular diet. Some dogs prefer this warm but most dogs love it.

***If the dog does not respond with improved stools after the second feeding, SEE YOUR VET!***



*Happy New Year*

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