



# Michgolden Newsletter

**Fort Detroit Golden Retriever Club**

**October 2018**

## **NEXT PROGRAM MEETING - October 16, 2018, 7:30 PM**

**October 16, 2018 - Meeting location: Leader Dogs, Avon Rd., Rochester Hills**

**6:30pm - Board Meeting**

**7:30pm - Program Meeting:**

- Our Educational program will be members talking about their puppy contracts, pricing, show puppies, pet puppies. Please come prepared - bring a copy of your contract that you can talk about and share your experiences.

\*\*\* We are always looking for interesting and fun ideas for "Program Meetings". If you have an idea please let the board know and we will work to make it happen

\*\*\* The 2019 board elections are coming soon, and the current Board Members who are up for re-election have agreed to run again., but we always welcome additional nominees. Please let us know if you would like to join us!!

## **Calendar of Events**

**October 16, 2018** - Meeting location: Leader Dogs, Avon Rd., Rochester Hills, MI

6:30pm – Board Meeting

7:30pm – Program Meeting – Puppy contracts, pricing etc.

**November 20, 2018** - Meeting location: Leader Dogs, Avon Rd., Rochester Hills, MI

6:30pm – Board Meeting

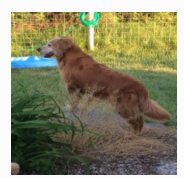
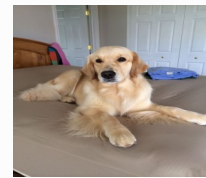
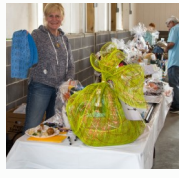
7:30pm – Program Meeting – TBA

**December 2018** - Happy Holidays to all of our Members!!

**January 2018** - Annual Awards Banquet Date and location to be announced soon!!

## **New Members**

**Bring a golden friend to a meeting, make new friends and generate new members!!!**



## Miscellaneous Info

**Specialty Show Trophy donations:** If you are interested in donating money to sponsor a class (i.e. 6-9 puppy dog, BOW, Utility B, etc.) at our one of our specialty shows please contact Lynn Knapke at [fcgoldens@hotmail.com](mailto:fcgoldens@hotmail.com) or talk to her at a meeting. A sign-up list will be passed around at the program meetings. Now taking donations for 2019.

**Sunshine:** Please let Dorothy Scarborough ([dorothys@charter.net](mailto:dorothys@charter.net)) know of anybody (human or canine) that is in need of a sympathy/get well/ sunshine card from FDGRC and she will send one out.

## Notes from the Editor



### Deadline For Newsletters Info

The deadline for getting info (articles, brags pictures, etc.) to me is the last Sunday of the month. Please send via email to [echsuehome@aol.com](mailto:echsuehome@aol.com).

**Susan Coppens (Editor)**

**GRF Updates:** GRF Updates list - To join, simply send a blank email to: [grfupdates-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:grfupdates-subscribe@yahoo.com)

For more info about the GRF, please visit us at <http://www.goldenretrieverfoundation.org/>

## Other Upcoming Shows/Events

**For details about other local Shows, Obedience/Rally/Agility Trials and Field/Hunt Tests please visit:**

[www.akc.org/events/search](http://www.akc.org/events/search)      [www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com)  
[www.entryexpress.net](http://www.entryexpress.net)      [www.huronriverlrc.com](http://www.huronriverlrc.com)

***2019 FDGRC Show List  
Coming Soon!***

### Field Trials/Hunt Tests:

Huron River Labrador Retriever Club:

Visit their web site for dates and info.

<http://www.huronriverlrc.com>

**\*\*Please verify shows & dates w/AKC \*\***

**Michigan at the 2018 National!!**

**Michigan Golden Retrievers  
were well represented at this years  
2018 Golden Retriever National!!**



Above "Aeon" owned by Kurt and Judy Macauley tested his seat on the photo platform at this years National!!

**A Huge Congratulations to all the  
Michigan Goldens and Owners that competed!!**

**A Special Thank you to Kurt and Judy also for  
delivering the Fort Detroit Raffle Basket to the National  
and for Laura Fabbro for assembling it!!**



**General Information**

***FYI...***

***GRCA Eliminates Regional Puppy Referral***

The GRCA has decided to to eliminate the REGIONAL Puppy Referrals. They Indicated they never would receive litter notifications, and feel that the Internet, FB, and everyone's websites gives the opportunity for the Breeder's to notify the public about their litters and dogs, thus not needing the Referrals. This does NOT eliminate any of the FDGRC Club's Puppy Referral.

***GRCA can now make your CCA title part of the AKC record!!***

In case you didn't see this info in the September issue of the *AKC Gazette*, for a fee owners of Golden Retrievers with a CCA title from GRCA can now get it made a part of the AKC record. This starts in October and grandfathers in dogs who earned titles back to 2010. Our FDGRC Life Member Betty Gay would be thrilled, may she rest in peace, since she was so instrumental in developing the CCA program for The GRCA.

***Happy Fall Everyone!!***

***Make Sure To Take Some Time to Smell the Flowers!!***



**General Information*****FDA Investigating Potential Connection between diet and cases of Canine Heart Disease***

July 12, 2018

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is alerting pet owners and veterinary professionals about reports of canine dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) in dogs eating certain pet foods containing peas, lentils, other legume seeds, or potatoes as main ingredients. These reports are unusual because DCM is occurring in breeds not typically genetically prone to the disease. The FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine and the Veterinary Laboratory Investigation and Response Network, a collaboration of government and veterinary diagnostic laboratories, are investigating this potential association.

Canine DCM is a disease of a dog's heart muscle and results in an enlarged heart. As the heart and its chambers become dilated, it becomes harder for the heart to pump, and heart valves may leak, leading to a buildup of fluids in the chest and abdomen. DCM often results in congestive heart failure. Heart function may improve in cases that are not linked to genetics with appropriate veterinary treatment and dietary modification, if caught early.

The underlying cause of DCM is not truly known, but is thought to have a genetic component. Breeds that are typically more frequently affected by DCM include large and giant breed dogs, such as Great Danes, Boxers, Newfoundlands, Irish Wolfhounds, Saint Bernards and Doberman Pinschers. It is less common in small and medium breed dogs, except American and English Cocker Spaniels. However, the cases that have been reported to the FDA have included Golden and Labrador Retrievers, Whippets, a Shih Tzu, a Bulldog and Miniature Schnauzers, as well as mixed breeds.

Diets in cases reported to the FDA frequently list potatoes or multiple legumes such as peas, lentils, other "pulses" (seeds of legumes), and their protein, starch and fiber derivatives early in the ingredient list, indicating that they are main ingredients. Early reports from the veterinary cardiology community indicate that the dogs consistently ate these foods as their primary source of nutrition for time periods ranging from months to years. High levels of legumes or potatoes appear to be more common in diets labeled as "grain-free," but it is not yet known how these ingredients are linked to cases of DCM. Changes in diet, especially for dogs with DCM, should be made in consultation with a licensed veterinarian.

In the reports the FDA has received, some of the dogs showed signs of heart disease, including decreased energy, cough, difficulty breathing and episodes of collapse. Medical records for four atypical DCM cases, three Golden Retrievers and one Labrador Retriever, show that these dogs had low whole blood levels of the amino acid taurine. Taurine deficiency is well-documented as potentially leading to DCM. The Labrador Retriever with low whole blood taurine levels is recovering with veterinary treatment, including taurine supplementation, and a diet change. Four other cases of DCM in atypical dog breeds, a Miniature Schnauzer, Shih Tzu and two Labrador Retrievers, had normal blood taurine levels. The FDA continues to work with board certified veterinary cardiologists and veterinary nutritionists to better understand the clinical presentation of these dogs. The agency has also been in contact with pet food manufacturers to discuss these reports and to help further the investigation.

The FDA encourages pet owners and veterinary professionals to report cases of DCM in dogs suspected of having a link to diet by using the electronic [Safety Reporting Portal](#) or calling their state's [FDA Consumer Complaint Coordinators](#).



**September 18th 2018 General Membership & Board Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was held at Leader Dog in Rochester Hills beginning at 6:30 p.m.

**Attendance:** Board: Dianne Baker, Sue Coppens, Cindy Fisher, Kathy McElroy, Peggy O'Keeffe. Members: Cindy Collins, Diana Vavra. Guests: Karen Angle

**Announcements, Brags, Sunshine.** Peggy O'Keeffe noted that Thank You cards were sent to Cherie Berger for her recent donations and to Leader Dog expressing our appreciation for their continued support of the club along with a check for \$200.

**Treasurer's Report** - Not available at this time.

**Committees -**

Agility - Not given.

Puppy Referral - There are a couple puppies available but no litters are listed.

2018 September Specialties -

Participants enjoyed the potluck and the club received \$48 in donations.

The raffle made \$390.

2019 Specialties

Diane Baker noted that we have framed pictures donated by Cherie Berger and the family of Maryann Howell to use as prizes for BOB, BW, BOS at both April Specialties in Birch Run.

A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of moving the second day of specialties, currently held in September in Goodells, to the Thursday before our April Specialties in Birch Run. As no other club uses the facility on Thursday, we should be able to hold obedience and rally trials. Cindy Collins said that she had had some initial conversation with Bill Bills and Dianne Baker volunteered to follow-up with him.

**Unfinished Business -**

Oct, Nov Educational Program suggestions - Oct: Laura Fabbro will try to find a veterinarian to talk about vaccinations. We are looking for a possible topic for November.

National Specialty Basket: Laura Fabbro will purchase materials and assemble the basket and Judy Maculey will take it to the National.

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**New Business -**

National Ad - Dianne Baker discussed the color ad that was placed in the National Specialty catalog.

September Scent Trials - Cindy Collins and Peggy O'Keeffe provided some information regarding the September Scent Work Trials. While the official accounting was not available, it appears that the club made money on this event. The group seemed to support continuing this event in conjunction with the Genesee County Kennel Club shows and possibility exploring an additional event if a time and place can be found.

Other- Nominating Committee: The four board members whose term expires this year are: Cindy Fisher, Peggy O'Keeffe, Sue Coppens and Laura Fabbro. The tentative nomination committee will be comprised of Dorothy Scarborough - chair, Chris Curling and Cindy Collins with Larry Weisman and Dianne Baker serving as alternates.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy O'Keeffe, Recording Secretary

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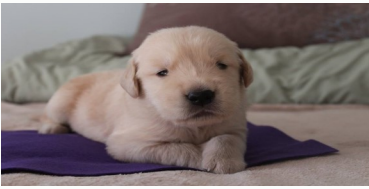
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### Websites for additional information on upcoming shows and trials:

**AKC:** [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org), click on EVENTS, then EVENTS AND AWARDS SEARCH

**UKC:** [www.ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com), click on DOG EVENTS, then UPCOMING EVENTS

**CKC:** [www.ckc.ca](http://www.ckc.ca), click on CKC SERVICES, then choose CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Club Policy

Membership in the Fort Detroit Golden Retriever Club is open to any person actively interested in promoting the aims of the Club, i.e., careful and restrictive breeding of genetically sound, instinctive and temperamentally balanced Golden Retrievers. The Club meets monthly for Golden Retriever related activities such as field training sessions, informal and AKC sanctioned matches, obedience and conformation work, specialty point events, working certificate tests, tracking tests and educational presentations. The key word in the above outline is **ACTIVE**. We are not just a social club, although there is much sociability. Persons who wish to become active members are invited to subscribe to our Club Newsletter, which has information about our activities. Anyone is welcome. If after attending at least three of our meetings within twelve months you find yourself in accord with our aims, we invite you to submit an application form to the Board of Directors. Please include on the back of your application form, the activities you have attended, and be sure that you sign the attendance roster any time you attend a meeting.

**SUBSCRIPTION RATES:** \$10.00 per year - Open to everyone - This is **NOT** membership. Please make checks payable to FDGRC and send to the Newsletter Editor.

**MEMBERSHIP RATES:** Individual: \$20.00 per year. Family (2 people): \$25.00. Associate: \$15.00. Obtain forms from Treasurer or Secretary or Membership Chair.

**ADVERTISING POLICY:** Open to members only. All advertising must be in "Classified Ad" style. Minimum cost is \$2.00 for 4 lines, maximum of 6 lines for \$3.00. For Golden Retrievers only. Member owned adults or litters from member owned bitches, dog related services and items excepting stud service.