



# Toys for Tots Season is upon us!

Remember to put the Toys for Tots show December 6-7 on your calendar. Check the Calendar inside this newsletter for details or online at the club website: [www.gaasc.org](http://www.gaasc.org).

**We need volunteers!**

*You make the Show Go!*



*Something new here.*

## Next General Membership Meeting...

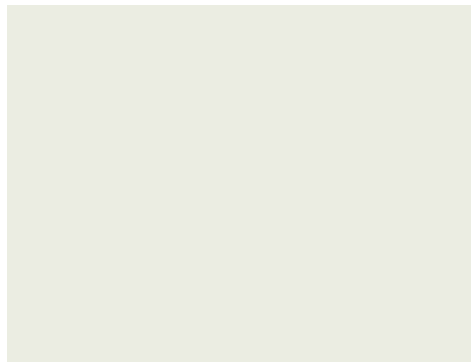
The next General Membership Meeting will be held at the Toys for Tots Show in December. Join us for food, fun and fellowship. This is also our Annual Year End Christmas Party We want you there!

This is membership renewal time, please get your memberships renewed for 2009 by the Christmas Party on December 6. **If you renew prior to the party, you eat free!** That is everyone's favorite price. The membership form is

available in the newsletter and on the club website at [www.gaasc.org](http://www.gaasc.org).

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This year has been an event filled year for the Greater Atlanta Australian Shepherd Club. We have held many 'firsts' and been successful with them. We have continued to improve our Agility program with increased numbers of exhibitors entering. Our Stock program was extremely successful this last trial and plans to add additional runs and judges are underway. Our Conformation program hasn't seen a small show yet! Our Obedience program is constantly being improved and looked at for scheduling due to the continued increases in exhibitor numbers.

Plans have been made to continue the events approximately at the same time and locations for 2009. Be sure to watch for them on the website, [www.gaasc.org](http://www.gaasc.org) and in the newsletters. Our club meetings will be held in conjunction with these events.

**For 2009 the club meetings will be at Spring Fling, Big Kahuna, Jubilee and Toys for Tots. Plan on attending these as there is always food and fun!**

We are hoping to include two stockdog events at Wendy Eldredge's farm. We might be able to try the new "Farm Dog" program out. One event is possibly planned for the beginning of June and the other possibly for November.

With all these events, help is always needed and looked for. If you can just help for a short time, that's great. The more you learn, the easier it is getting all the club members to put together fun events.

We are hoping to host the 2010 ASCA Nationals once again at the Fabulous Horse Park in Conyers, Georgia. Lots of work will be done to get this event ready. If you have an opportunity to join in to help, please let us know. We are busy assigning people to "chair" key roles. If you want to get involved, now is the time. Just let us know if you have a preference, otherwise we will be glad to assign you to

a task.

Our club is made up of people with similar interests in the Australian Shepherd, but it is still the people that make our club. We had an exhibitor at our last event that came from "up north". She commented how relaxed and friendly our show atmospheres always are. She said she always tries to attend our big events because of this, even though the gas prices were high and miles were long. We want to keep up the good work and friendships. With that I wanted to make a note of two active members with serious health issues this year. Glenda Stephenson had heart surgery and was recovering over the summer. We want her back competing again soon. We wish Sharon Willis a speedy recovery from her surgery. We all miss her and her smiling face, pushing us to do the best we can. GAASC says GET WELL SOON to all.

Terry



# Secretary's Report

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## *Minutes of the Meeting, GAASC Board of Directors, 10-12-08*

The meeting was held at Renee Reschenthaler's house. Present were the following members: Terry Dickey, Renee Reschenthaler, Pat Pierce, Georgia Blackburn, and Emily Chapman. Available by phone were Trisha Herring and Glenda Stephenson.

The calendar for the upcoming year was discussed and set. The following events are planned.

**Paw Thaw.** Jan 9, 10, 11, 2009. Renee will be show chair, assisted by Emily Chapman. There will be three Obedience trials and three Conformation shows. Ted McColl will judge two Obedience trials. Richard Mullen will judge one Obedience trial and one Conformation show. Melinda Hughes will judge one Conformation show. This just leaves one judge to be hired for the third Conformation show. The event will be held at ADOG.

**Early Thaw.** This will be an Agility trial, Feb 21-22, 2009. It will be held at Bartow Saddle Club and chaired by Renee. There was some discussion as to whether it might be held at Tracy and Greg Bennett's (and have Cinco de Mayo at Bartow), but it was decided not to flip flop the locations this time.

**Spring Fling.** Mar 13-15, 2009. This will be stockdog trials plus Conformation shows. Cheryl Padgett will be Course Director for the stockdog trials. The judges have been hired and stock lined up. We need a Secretary for the Conformation shows. It was decided to ask John Herring if he would do this, with Terry as back up.

Addendum: On email after the meeting, Renee said that since so many folks had been turned away from the last Stockdog trials, she and Cheryl were thinking of adding a third trial, assuming a judge could be hired. The board agreed that it was worth a try.

Also, John Herring said that he would be Show Secretary for Conformation for Spring Fling.

**Tracking Test.** April, 09? A possible date is April 4-5. A problem is finding a place to hold the test. Renee said that 15 acres/track are needed. Renee will talk with Larinda and ask her to work with Linda McKee to find a place. This should be done by Jan 1. Also, Pat will contact AOC to find out where their site is for their upcoming Tracking Test.

**Cinco de Mayo.** May 3-4, 2009. It was decided to just have Conformation. It's really too hot for Agility. There will be a Cookout, Tracy will be a judge, and Greg will be Show Secretary.

**Big Kahuna.** July 11-12, 2009. Pat and Emily will be Show Secretaries. There will be Obedience and Conformation. The show will still be at Ironclad. Pam now has an Agility field, and the possibility of having Agility Run-Throughs was discussed. It was also suggested that Conformation could be held on the Agility field instead of in the parking lot. The idea of using paid Stewards was also discussed.

**Heat Is On.** Aug 15-16, 2009. Renee will be Show Secretary. Possibly, we could have two Agility rings and skip Conformation.

**Jubilee.** Oct 17-18, 2009. These dates need to be confirmed with Frankie (in charge of Bartow Saddle Club). Cheryl will be Course Director for the Stockdog trials; the judges are already hired.

Pat will chair Obedience, which will be held on Sunday (one trial). Renee will chair Agility, which will be held on Saturday. Terry will chair Conformation, with help from John Herring.

Again, we will offer a Breeder's Showcase and MVA.

We will also invite other clubs to help.

Toys for Tots. Dec 5-6, 2009. Cheryl will be Show Secretary.

Renee will ask Joe Willis if he would be willing to hire judges again like he did this year.

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## Treasurer's Report

Club Checking Account: \$5441.72

Club CD: \$17,186.15

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*Let's get together for a meeting! Everyone else will be there!*

***If you renew prior to the party, you eat free!***

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*You'll have a leafy time!*

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If you have not already sent your renewal to Renee Reschenthaler please take the time now to renew.

Print this page.

Fill in the form.

Sign it, and send the completed form to the address listed along with your dues.

Dues:

Family \$20   Electronic Family \$12   Single \$18   Electronic Single \$10   Junior \$5   Newsletter Only \$8

Name

Phone

Address

City State

Zip

E-Mail:

Are you an ASCA member?      Membership No.      Exp. date

Are you registered with:   ASCA   IESR   AKC   UKC   SKC   (check all that apply)

Are you interested in:

Conformation   Obedience   Herding   Agility   Breeding   Tracking

Would you like your name, phone # and E-mail address included in the club directory?

Signature:

Send to: Renee Reschenthaler 5793 Rollingwood Dr., Stone Mountain, GA. 30087

## Schedule of Events

- *Not much happening in September this year.*

C = Conformation

O = Obedience

A = Agility

S = Stock

T = Tracking

# November 2008

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**Remember Bring a Toy for the Toys for Tots Show!**



*Racing to the Toys for Tots show!*

# December 2008

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## Schedule of Events

- October 3,4,5 GAASC Jubilee Show Stock, Conformation and Obedience trial, Cartersville, GA.
- October 11,12 FCASC Agility Trial, Ball Ground, GA
- October 24,25,26 FLPHASC Agility, Conformation, Obedience, Bone N' Biscuit Show , Florida

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## Toys for Tots Show is right around the corner!

**Dec. 6-7, 2008**

**Toys for Tots**

**Conformation & Obedience**

**Christmas Party**

**ADOG Training Facility, Chamblee, GA**

**Obedience Judges: Renee Resenthaler & Trish Thurow**

**Conformation Judges: Millie Meyer, Alberto Berrios & Terry Berrios**

Premium is posted online: [www.gaasc.org/calendar.htm](http://www.gaasc.org/calendar.htm)



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## ARPH Lammie-Doos seen flocking out West!

GAASC members and friends who attended our Big Kahuna II show in July will remember we had two ARPH fundraisers in progress. The main one, our big Kahuna Prize Grab-bag, raised over \$500 for Georgia Aussies. The smaller project involved "adopting" a Lammie-Doo.....little lambs who had been carefully altered, defluffed, had ribbons with Velcro sewn on their heads, and then were re-stuffed with poop bags. At the show, sales from the first flock of Lammie-Doos raised over \$160!

Long-time (and long distance these days) club member Corinne Shanks liked the idea

of Lammie-Doos so well, she offered to help sell them out west. The second flock has now raised \$180 for ARPH, and the third flock is on its way to Kansas, in search of new homes. Thank you SO much for helping with this project! Club Secretary Emily Chapman has mentioned the recent influx of Aussies into the Georgia foster program, have all had very serious medical needs. A trio of survivors from Summerville, GA were in horrific shape, suffering from starvation, heartworms, and just about every kind of internal parasite known - yet the dogs were kind, gentle, and

trusting of the folks that came to rescue and foster them back to health. One young pup named Denim had been left in a ditch as dead for two days, but was saved when some kind soul decided to check on that odd bluish lump of fur....

Thank you to everyone who has supported this project - from idea through execution and fund-raising, too. Every little bit helps Aussies who need a second chance at a great forever home.

Pat Pierce

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## Shell Bluff Brags

More Titles from Shell Bluff

Shell Bluff Your It "Tag" new Started Sheep Title

Shell Bluffs Next Best Thing CD new Open Duck Title also going High In Trial at Bartow, GAASC Jubilee Show

ASCA Ch Shell Bluffs Renaissance Man STDs new Started Duck Title

Terry Dickey

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## Judges' Thank-you!!!

It was my pleasure to judge obedience at the recent GAASC trial. Even though the entry was small, it was made up of quality dogs and handlers. The Novice A entry needs a bit more training for both dog and handler, but I encouraged them to keep working at it as they show much promise.

I failed to acknowledge the help of the stewards, so I would like to take this opportunity to do

that now. Marie Arp, Linda Hardwich, and Emily Chapman were quick to help in the ring whatever job needed to be done, from setting jumps up to being "posts" for the figure 8 exercise and helping with the stay exercises. These good ring stewards helped the obedience trial run smoothly and I appreciate their help.

Sincerely,

Elaine LeRoy

Obedience Judge

Editor Note:

I too would like to thank all the volunteers that helped make our shows the best in the Southeast! You guys rock!

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## Pat and Spooky Brags

Pat Pierce and Spooky completed a ten-month quest at the Conyers Kennel Club's August shows, earning the Rally Advanced Excellent title (RAE) under Judge Patricia M. Young, with scores of 97 for 3rd place in Rally Excellent B and 99 in Advanced B for his 10th qualifying title leg.

In the 20 ring appearances towards the title, Spooky earned 2 Fourth places, 5 Third places, 2 Second places, 3 First places, and included one perfect score of 100 points, with an Excellent B average score of 94.5, and Advanced B average of 98.2.

Spooky collected more GREEN - and Blue! - ribbons



at the Georgia Classic Cluster of shows in September. On Saturday in the Atlanta Kennel Club show, Spooky earned his 11th RAE leg (working towards RAE2 now) and collected 1st in Advanced B with an almost perfect score of 99. On Sunday, in his AKC Open B

debut against the most competitive Obedience dogs in the Southeast, he earned a 195 to place 6th in a field of 25. (We missed being in the runoff for 4th place by 1/2 point!).



At Jubilee, Spooky collected still more GREEN - and Blue! - and Blue and Silver - and Purple and White, too! He earned the High In Trial Aussie rosette for his First place Open B run of 193.5 under Judge Elaine LeRoy at our GAASC Georgia Jubilee show in Cartersville. That afternoon, handled by Junior Miss Anna Tso, Spooky earned Reserve Altered Winners Dog under our very own Judge Cheryl Padgett.

Spooky is officially Nitestars ABump Inthe Night CGC AKC/ASCA-CDX RAE DNA-VP FFX-OG

## Secretary's Report (Continued)

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Wendy Eldridge would like to have some events at her place. Terry will contact her and ask her to present proposals for two dates. These proposals should include dates, judges, and a Budget.

2. The idea of hosting Nationals 2010 was discussed. Renee is willing to be in charge of the whole thing, with certain conditions. There would need to be Chairmen to run the events. Following are positions that have been filled by volunteers:

|                      |                   |
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| Conformation:        | Terry Dickey      |
| Conformation Finals: | Amy Burnett       |
| Agility:             | Allison Bryant    |
| Stalls:              | Georgia Blackburn |
| Obedience:           | Melanie Magamoll  |
| Stockdog:            | Cheryl Padgett    |
| RV Parking:          | Trisha Herring    |
| Vendors:             | Needed            |
| Juniors' Chair:      | Needed            |
| Tracking:            | Needed            |

3. The proposed Nationals event would be held October 23-30, 2010. The club would split the profits 50/50 with Renee. She would not show her dogs. She would be on the BOD, but would not be Treasurer that year, nor would she participate in money spending decisions by the BOD for that year.

The BOD approved Renee's proposal. Next step is for Renee to submit a bid to ASCA.

4. To avoid previous mistakes, it was agreed that all members of the BOD should look at all contracts and that 3 signatures should be stipulated on the contracts. There will be a contract with Renee and with each Show Chair. The BOD should meet quarterly in 2009.

5. There will be General Membership meetings at Spring Fling, Big Kahuna, Jubilee, and Toys for Tots.

6. Nominations for the Board will be submitted at the General meeting at Toys for Tots. Emily, Terry, and one other person will comprise the Nominating Committee.

7. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to move the Agility Trailer to the same location as the Stock Trailer. It will cost \$50/month, the same price as the current one, and will be on the property of Scott Allen. This will greatly simplify logistics of getting it to and from trials.

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# Jubilee MVA Competition Report

## 2008 Jubilee MVA Competition

We wanted to thank everyone who participated in the MVA competition this year at Jubilee. We had five competitors this year and the competition was fierce. It was nice to be able to offer all venues this year so we could have this competition. MVA really showcases what our dogs are all about, a truly versatile breed. They are working livestock one minute, then performing the precision of obedience the next, on the agility field they can be as fast as just about any breed and then they show us how they stack up against the breed standard. I also want to sincerely thank our conformation evaluation judge, Trisha Herring, for coming up just for the day to do the evaluation. She was waiting on a litter of puppies to arrive, but made the trip up from Macon, with Patti Page in tow. Thanks for helping us out, Trisha. I do want to make sure you all know for next year, we will take scores from the non-regular classes so more dogs can give MVA a try. We will take scores from Veterans obedience, Tunnelers, and any other full point, non-regular class that may be offered. The classes are scored for MVA at the Novice level, but it gives everyone a chance to compete.

### MVA Results

1. Jen Dean & Goose – ATCH Reinflame’s Absolute Roanoak – 410.42
2. Allison Bryant & Pony – SVCH WTCH ATCH ACH Twin Oaks Pony Express – 404.74
3. Renee Reschenthaler & Husker – SVCH SPCH WTCH ATCH CH Hardrock Willobrook DirectHit UD RTDs – 390.01
4. Amy Burnette & Vivi – Coolmoor Trugrit Molto Vivace – 361.00

This was also the first year for a special prize in conjunction with the MVA competition. The journey that Husker and I have been on with his training has been not only a whole lot of fun, but actually pretty amazing. It was always surprising to me the speed at which I could show him something and he would pick it up. As time went by, he just got better and better at so many things. This is the attitude I’d like to help foster within the Aussie community. Our dogs will try anything and will learn to love just about any activity we show them. It’s just up to us to take the time to show them new things. So this year, I kicked off the Husker “Hey Look What I Can Do!” Award. Every year, the winner of the MVA competition will receive a large rosette and a gift card. This year, the award went to the team of Jen Dean & Goose. Congratulations!

We had something very special happen at Jubilee this year, Allison & Michael Bryant’s girl, Pony, achieved her SVCH title. At present, there are only 15 dogs in the history of the breed who have achieved this title. In order to get this title, the dog must have it’s Championship, it’s WTCH and either it’s UD in obedience or be at the Elite level in all three classes of Agility.

Congratulations to the Bryants and SVCH WTCH ATCH A-CH Twin Oaks Pony Express!

Renee Reschenthaler

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# Jubilee Stock Trial Report

First I'd like to thank everyone who supported our stockdog trials last weekend. All 80 runs on Saturday were taken by ASCA registered Australian Shepherds, I believe that was a first for GAASC. We did have a Corgi and Border Collie entered on Sunday and we sold 79 runs. Thank you to all the competitors, and all the people who stepped up to time, scorekeep, handle stock, I'm afraid to start listing names for fear I would overlook someone by accident, your efforts were noted and appreciated! I'd also like to thank our wonderful judges Joey Judd and Bill Van Hecke, it was a pleasure working with you both.

**High in Trial and HIT Aussie**, were the same for all four trials:

- Saturday, Trial #1 WTCH Vision's Say Nothing At All - Wayne Kirby score of 111 in Adv Ducks
- Saturday, Trial #2 Gemstone Blue Kyanite of J Bar D - Rachel Vest score of 119 in Open Sheep
- Sunday, Trial #1 Shell Bluff's Next Best Thing - Terry Dickey score of 108 in Open Ducks
- Sunday, Trial #2 WTCH Vision's Say Nothing At All - Wayne Kirby score of 110 in Adv Ducks

**High Combined Started Dog**

- Saturday, Trial #1 Vision's Night Rider at BRLEJ - Joy Ellis, combined score of 251
- Saturday, Trial #2 4Mile Jane St. Claire - Allison Bryant, combined score of 213
- Sunday, Trial #1 Vision's Night Rider at BRLEJ - Joy Ellis, combined score of 207
- Sunday, Trial #2 Vision's Night Rider at BRLEJ - Joy Ellis, combined score of 241

This year for the first time we offered an award for **High Scoring Champion of Record in the Stockdog Trial**

- Saturday, Trial #1 SVCH,SPCH,WTCH,ATCH,CH Hardrock Willobrook Direct Hit, UD, RTDs - Renee Reschenthaler, score of 106 in Adv Ducks
- Saturday, Trial #2 SVCH,SPCH,WTCH,ATCH,CH Hardrock Willobrook Direct Hit, UD, RTDs - Renee Reschenthaler, score of 105 in Adv Ducks
- Sunday, Trial #1 CH Nitestar's Love Ewe Mucho-handled y David Clayton, owned by Linda Hardwick, score of 100 in Open Ducks
- Sunday, Trial #2 SVCH,WTCH,ATCH, A-CH Twin Oaks Pony Express, RTDs - Michael Bryant score of 104 in Adv Ducks

This award was very well received (copied from Lobo ASC in NM), Renee brought Husker out of retirement on Saturday just to compete, and we would like to encourage other clubs to start offering this, as you can see, these were all excellent scores and well deserved!

Thanks again to the judges, all competitors and everyone who worked to make this trial a huge success, and I'd also like to say I'm sorry to the folks who couldn't get into the trial, please send your entries in earlier for the trial in March, Russ Ford and Rick Hardin will be the judges, (we may add a third). Our facility is great with a wonderful arena, great concessions, and I encourage everyone to attend one of our shows next year.

*Cheryl Padgett*

*ASCA Breeder Judge #4366*

*Hardrock Aussies, HOF Kennel #62*

*Hardrock's Ms. Josey Wales, OTDcs,STDd, DNA-VP*

*Sunfire's Pick A Pepper, DNA-CP*

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## ARPH Book Team Offering new Book!

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To: ASCA Clubs

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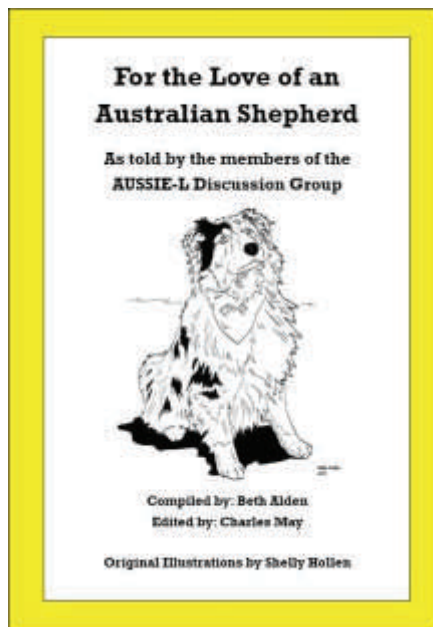
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## Aussie Geek Corner

How many of you have your own Dog related websites? Was just thinking about that today. I know of [Nitestar](#), [GatorHeaven](#) and a couple others but was wondering if any of you GAASC Newsletter readers have websites? Send me an email @ [robertnwheaton@bellsouth.net](mailto:robertnwheaton@bellsouth.net) with link and I'll post them here.

A few sites I have not visited in a while:

[www.doggonegood.com/](http://www.doggonegood.com/)

[frontandfinish.com/](http://frontandfinish.com/)

[www.gaasc.org/](http://www.gaasc.org/) (Imagine that the Calendar is up to date!

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## Gator Heaven Brags

Well Miss Brooklyn, Dale, Stryder, Star and I headed up to the GAASC Jubilee Sat AM - we had an awesome day!

Miss Brooklyn showed her "Best Show" dog Star in Pee Wee in the AM and PM shows and they are most certainly a pair! She loves her ribbons and toys she got! Star of course got extra cookies!

Then our dear friends Carmen and Ray Morales brought their new pup Last Calls Red Hot Style ( aka Stylin) to his first ASCA show - they allowed me to show him and he won his class of three in the 4-6 month puppy class and went on to



garner Best Opposite puppy! - he is a lovely pup with stunning side gait - he should take the show rings by storm!

Lara showed Dale (AKC CH Legends Starn Runnin Down A Dream, ASCA Major Pointed) and Stryder (GatorHeaven's Free Fallin' , Dale's son) in their classes - they both won their classes, then Lara took in Dale for Winners Dog and I took Stryder in! It was a clean sweep! Dale went Winners dog for a 4 point major and Stryder went RWD! Thank you ASCA Breeder Judge Shelly Hollen and for her very nice comments about them!! Thanks as always to our handler Lara Spears for showing the boys so well! It was Dale's first ASCA show since last spring - he has been off (maturing out) for awhile from the show ring!

In the PM show - Stryder won his class of 3 and Dale won his class of 4 and went on to garner Reserve Winners dog - Thanks Judge Cheryl Padgett. Thanks again to Lara for SHOWING THE BOYS SO VERY VERY WELL!



Congratulations to all the winners in all the events hosted over the weekend! Great turnout indeed! I had a blast timing the stock dog trials on Sun! Will for sure do that again!

Thanks for letting us brag!

Jarilyn

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## Husker and Blade Brags

Blade's First Points and Major!

I could not be prouder of my "little" guy, Blade. He took his first Winner's Dog and 3 point major under Ed McNamee at the Jubilee. Many thanks to Stacey Brown and Melinda Hughes for showing him for me. He looked



beautiful, when he wasn't looking for "Mother." We might need to send the boy off the farm a bit more.

Husker Comes out of Retirement

Husker got to come along and compete at the Jubilee in MVA. We wanted to add to the turn out for the event and not only did my Old Man have a great time, but he did fantastic. Husker competed in obedience in Veterans and scored a 195 and won High in Trial Veteran. I believe that would have given him High in Trial overall, but it's a non-regular class. He ran Tunnelers in agility and loved every minute of it. We worked ducks on Saturday and he scored a 105 and a 106 on Advanced Ducks and also won High Scoring Champion of Record in both trials on Saturday. He ended up

getting Third place in the MVA competition. The Old Man still has it! He still loves to work and wants to go every time I go to the car. Who says you can't still have fun at 11?

Renee Reschenthaler



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## Nitestar Brags!

The NiteStar Gang has had a pretty good showing in various venues since the last Newsletter: I big thank you to all the owners out there competing in all venues with their dogs!!

### Chattanooga AKC Sep 14:

NiteStar's Color Me If U Can, AKA Doodle, finishes her AKC Championship with Winners Bitch and Best of Winners for a 3 point major – Thank you Stacey Brown for handling Doodle.

### Atlanta AKC shows Sep 19-21.

Friday; ASCA Ch NiteStar's Color Me Quick (Zip) went Winners Dog from the Open Black class and NiteStar's Mardi Gras Queen (Mardi) went Reserve Winners Bitch from the BBX class.

Saturday; NiteStar's Mardi Gras Queen (Mardi) went Reserve Winners Bitch from the BBX class.

Sunday; NiteStar's Mardi Gras Queen (Mardi) went Reserve Winners Bitch from the BBX class and ASCA Ch NiteStar's Color Me Quick went Winners Dog, Best of Winners and Best of Breed over 6 Specials!!!! Zip was expertly groomed by his momma Barbara and handled beautifully by Stacey Brown, and me I just screamed and hugged them

all!!!

### GAASC Conformation/Stock/Obedience/Agility in Cartersville GA Oct 4-5.

AKC/ASCA Ch NiteStar's Love Ewe Mucho, RN, DNA-VP earned his Started Sheep, Cattle and Duck titles on Saturday and Sunday earned his Open Duck title as well as earning High In Trial Champion of Record – thanks go out to Dave Clayton of Sunfire Aussies for training and trialing "Bug"!

NiteStar's Uptown Girl, RN went Winners Bitch and Best of Winners for a three point Major and Her Altered Championship!! Thanks to Amy Burnette for Handling Uppity and Peter and Gail for loving her!

NiteStar's Moonshine Cooper won Winners Dog and took his first Altered points, and also High In Trial Pre-Novice Agility – good job Jerry and Sue!!

NiteStar's A Bump In The Night, AKC/ASCA CDX, RAE earns a 193.5 from Open B and High In Trial Aussie – good job Pat and Spooky!

### Birth Announcement

WTCH AKC/ASCA Ch NiteStar's Patti Page, AKC/ASCA CD, RN, DNA-VP was bred to AKC/ASCA/Int Ch



McMatt's EZ Going, OA, NAJ DNA-CP and presented us with two girls, 1 black (Angel), 1 blue (Lucy) and 1 blue boy (Domino) on Oct 11, 2008.

### Trisha Herring

ASCA Non-Regular Breeder Judge #4680

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## Avondale Aussies

Braggs for Avondale Aussies.ASCA/ AKC CH Nitestar's Love Ewe Mucho RN, STDds, OTDd Bug earned his STDds titles and his OTDd title at the GAASC Jubilee shows. He also got two started cattle legs, but they were under the same judge. He got High Scoring Champion of Record at the Sunday AM trial!! Bug is trained and handled by David Clayton. Many thanks to David for all he's doing with Bug.

Linda Hardwick

Avondale Aussies



It's Pumpkin Time!

## Farm Tails

### It was a good idea at the time.

There's no doubt these Aussies are smart. Sometimes too smart. And I often wonder just how they come up with the ideas that they do.

Several years ago, I was trialing Daffy (HOF WTCH Hardrock's Mudlucious Daffodil, RTDs, CD, RS-O, JV-O, GS-N) on sheep in Kentucky. This was in Larry Roby's 2.5 acre trial arena... the one with the pond. It was always an interesting trial up there, and every time Daf entered or left that arena she had to take a 'dip' (the look on her face when she found the pond frozen over one winter's day was priceless!). And, occasionally a sheep or a cow would suddenly find itself in that pond.

But one trial, it wasn't the pond that caused the problem. It was Daffy coming up with her own bright idea.

We were working sheep at the Advanced level. We'd had a pretty good run, moving the sheep through panel one, made that oh-so-long cross drive, through panel two, and she brought them to me at the center quite nicely. Then the trouble began.

One poor, little sheep wasn't feeling too well. When Daffy brought the sheep to the center 'Y' chute, all of them moved on through it in quick order...except for this one, sick little ewe. She leaned against the panel as if she was just too tired to go any further. I flanked Daffy back and forth behind her. I brought Daffy around and down the chute to try and back her out of it. I tried everything I could think of (without actually touching her) to get that little ewe out of the chute. Nope, she wouldn't budge.

So, knowing how smart my little dog

is, I looked at Daffy and told her I was out of ideas and to come up with something herself. She barked in that ewe's face, but as the ewe wasn't fighting the dog a grip wouldn't be allowed. Daffy barked behind her, and even nipped the sheep's hocks. Nope, she was staying put.

Finally, in an obvious stroke of brilliance, Daffy comes up behind the sheep, stands on her hind legs, puts her front feet on the sheep's rump and tries to push her.

The judge calls time (inappropriate touching o' the sheep), the spectators roar, and I fall down laughing. Daffy looks at all of us as if to say 'What? I thought it was a great idea!'

Here at home all of the Aussies regularly come up with what they think are great ideas on an almost daily basis. It could be the youngster, Tavli, deciding that the sheep *must* be brought down from the top pasture and held at the gate, whether I want them there or not. It could be Sarah thinking that a barn rat would make an excellent house pet. Or, it could be Belle thinking that it's a much better idea to have the chickens under the porch rather than in the coop.

Yesterday, 5 of the dogs (Daffy, Brumby, Spot, Sarah, and Karli-the LGD) were all out in the back pasture. They regularly hang out under the shade trees where they have a pretty clear view of the whole property. Also in that back pasture...way in the back...are the duck pens. The drakes, evil creatures that they are, have a separate pen from the hens and ducklings. The dogs have never exhibited any interest in the ducks unless I'm working a dog or feeding them.

Well, yesterday afternoon at feeding time I head toward the back with the buckets of duck food and stop in the

dog kennels to make sure the water buckets are all full. I come around the corner of the house and, low and behold, 11 drakes are standing at my back door. Now, there's a fence and a gate between that back pasture and the backdoor. Not to mention that the small 'yard' between the fence and the door is about 12" higher than the pasture. Ducks are only about 15" tall. I look out and I can see that the gate to the drake's pen (200' feet away) has been knocked open.

All five dogs are still reclining under the shade trees, not even looking at the house.

Hmm, am I really to believe that the drakes brought themselves to the back door all on their own? Were they really just being insistent that it was feeding time? Or, had *someone* had a great idea? I'll never know. I guess it seemed like a great idea at the time.

Wendy Eldredge



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