



# THE CHATTERBOXER

Member, American Boxer Club

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Our next meeting is  
**Tuesday, February 7, 2006**  
 Livonia Civic Center Library  
 7:00 p.m.

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

At the December meeting of the Michigan Boxer Club, elections for Officers and Board of Directors for 2005 took place. Following are the results of those elections. Congratulations to all, and we look forward to another exciting year in the MBC!

### OFFICERS

<b>President</b>	Alan Dorfman
<b>Vice President</b>	Charlie Beauchamp
<b>Secretary</b>	Jennifer Walker
<b>Treasurer</b>	Dave Stark

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mary Lou Bumpus  
 Joanna Dorfman  
 Dick Johnson  
 Joan Johnson  
 Virginia Johnson

### 2006 MEETING SCHEDULE

**Dates Room Reserved at Livonia Civic Center Library (Room C)**  
 February 7, March 7, April 4, June 6, August 8

**Dates for which Alternate Site is Required (Site TBD)**  
 May 2, September 5, November 7

**Dates Meetings to be Held at Show Site**  
 July 7, September 29

**Annual Awards Banquet (Site TBD)**  
 December

### GET YOUR ABC RAFFLE TICKETS WHILE THEY LAST

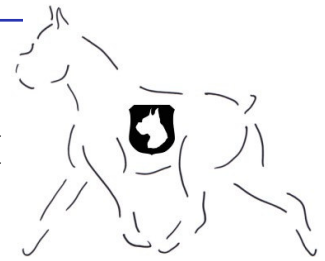
As of January 30, there were only **150** raffle tickets left. Remember, the member who sells the winning ticket gets a \$75 prize!

Contact Charlie Beauchamp, [beaus19@aol.com](mailto:beaus19@aol.com) for tickets. Also, now the time to start turning in ticket stubs and money to Charlie.

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## CONTEMPLATIONS

*I am, as usual, running very behind this month, so instead of allotting more time to my blathering, I'm including the following article in its place. It is a summary of Dr. Meurs' report to the Boxer fancy at ABC 2005—which, actually, I had meant to include several months ago! There are some significant changes to the way she now recommends evaluating heart testing results, and an even greater emphasis on the need for repeated Holtering instead of making decisions based on a single report.*



### DR KATE MEURS' 2005 REPORT TO THE ABC MEMBERSHIP

You could've heard a pin drop: for the first time since the big brouhaha in the late 90's that resulted when cardiologist/researcher Dr. Kate Meurs suggested that more-than-50 VPC's might be the difference between "normal" and "affected" (with Boxer Cardiomyopathy), she gave her audience of avid Boxer breeders/exhibitors at the '05 ABC Membership Meeting some more-or-less firm parameters – numbers of VPC's for BCM (ARVC); flow rates for SAS – by which to assess the heart-health of our breeding stock and make breeding decisions.

Yes, individual judgment and common sense are still required: the guidelines for BCM are fairly broad, and Dr. Meurs continues to stress that we should NOT make significant breeding decisions based on a single Holter test.

But the guidelines for SAS, although far more liberal than they used to be, don't leave a lot of room for interpretation.

Let's start with BCM, or ARVC:

Dr. Meurs gave a brief history of the disease in Boxers, and explained that she had renamed it "Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy (ARVC)," to more accurately describe it as an electrical disease, as opposed to the kind of cardiomyopathy (heart muscle disease, or dilated CM) that most often affects Dobermans and Danes.

Dr. Meurs noted that ARVC is an adult onset disease, which affects the dog at variable ages – 3/4, 5/6/7. She said a heart murmur was NOT typical of ARVC; instead diagnosis consists of the identification of VPC's (Ventricular Premature Contractions) on a Holter monitor tape (24-hour EKG). Dr Meurs stressed that the Holter tape should be read and interpreted by a board-certified cardiologist, because a computer reading often misinterprets artifacts as VPC's.

Dr. Meurs also said that it was NOT common for a normal dog to have more than 100 VPC's in 24 hours, or to have couplets, triplets, or runs. Normal large-breed dogs have an average of 2 VPC's per day. Therefore, she considered the ARVC status of a Boxer that had 100 VPC's to be "indeterminate"; 100 – 500 to be "suspicious"; and more than 500 to be "affected." Genetically, Dr. Meurs believes ARVC is the result of an autosomal (not sex-linked) dominant gene with variable penetrance.

She added that it's ok to Holter a bitch in season; but is NOT ok to echo a bitch in season, as the results may be skewed.

AS/SAS:

Sub-aortic Stenosis is a congenital heart defect – a fibrous ridge below the aortic valve. It is a familial disease, and most of the information we have is based on Newfie studies.

However, Dr. Meurs has conducted a new study of SAS, in which 201 Boxers were evaluated: 56% of them had at least a soft murmur, and the median maximum velocity of blood flow across the aortic valve was 1.9 m/s. Only 9 Boxers had a flow rate of less than 1.5 m/s. Most of the murmurs occurred in young dogs. There were fewer murmurs in older dogs due to less excitement in the older dogs during the test.

Valvular dimensions: in her studies of Boxers and non-Boxer dogs, Dr. Meurs found that non-Boxers had significantly larger indexed valvular areas – i.e. aortas. As a result of her recent studies, Dr. Meurs suggested the following flow-rate guidelines:

Less than 1.7 – 2.25 m/s = normal (in the absence of any sign of a fibrous ridge or turbulence).

2.25 – 3.0 m/s = mildly affected.

3.0 – 4.0 m/s = moderately affected.

More than 4.5 m/s = severely affected.

Dr. Meurs cautioned against the vigorous removal from a breeding program of dogs with borderline values or murmurs. She also said that if a board-certified cardiologist does not hear a murmur with a stethoscope, it is NOT necessary to do a Doppler exam.

Dr. Meurs' report ended on a very happy note, with the news that she and her staff had done 104 echoes at the '05 ABC, and had thereby raised \$10,000 for her ongoing ABCF heart study!

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## BOXER SHORTS

### GROW OLD WITH DOGS

When I am old...

I will wear soft gray sweatshirts...  
and a bandana over my silver hair.....  
and I will spend my social security checks on wine and my dogs.

I will sit in my house on my well-worn chair and listen to my dogs'breathing.  
I will sneak out in the middle of a warm summer night and take my dogs for a run, if my old bones will allow...  
When people come to call, I will smile and nod as I show them my dogs...  
and talk of them and about them...  
....the ones so beloved of the past and the ones so beloved of today....

I will still work hard cleaning after them, mopping and feeding them and whispering their names in a soft loving way.  
I will wear the gleaming sweat on my throat, like a jewel and I will be an embarrassment to all...  
especially my family...  
who have not yet found the peace in being free to have dogs as your best friends....  
These friends who always wait, at any hour, for your footfall...  
and eagerly jump to their feet out of a sound sleep, to greet you as if you are a God.

With warm eyes full of adoring love and hope that you will always stay,  
I'll hug their big strong necks...  
I'll kiss their dear sweet heads...  
and whisper in their very special company....



I look in the Mirror...  
and see I am getting old....  
this is the kind of person I am...  
and have always been.

Loving dogs is easy,  
they are part of me.  
Please accept me for who I am.  
My dogs appreciate my presence in their lives...  
they love my presence in their lives.....

When I am old this will be important to me...  
you will understand when you are old....  
if you have dogs to love too.

Author Unknown



## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

The Michigan Boxer Club would like to send good wishes to the following Club members who are celebrating a birthday this month:

### Member Name

Luella Steele  
Virginia Johnson  
Diane Beauchamp

### Whelped On

February 1  
February 15  
February 16



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## HEALTH ISSUES

### Renal Dysplasia in Boxers and the Dog Genome Project

Submitted by Katherine Nevius, Minstrel Boxers

In December, 2005 in Boston, Massachusetts, a meeting was held between two ABC members and a researcher at The Broad Institute's Dog Genome Project -- the folks who recently mapped the canine genome using the Boxer as model.

Because of that success, and the sterling reputation of the Harvard/MIT-based Broad Institute, it occurred to us that a disease that's becoming more and more present in a couple of oft-bred Boxer lines, Renal Dysplasia (also known as RD), might make a good subject as one of the numerous studies upon which the Project is currently embarking.

Lead researcher Kerstin Lindblad-Toh raised our spirits considerably when she agreed that the Project would be more than happy to become the repository for blood samples from RD-affected Boxers and their relatives.

Currently the Project's focus is on canine cancers -- among them the dreaded Lymphoma that clearly strikes our breed, and is also thought to be genetically-linked in some way. We will be able to piggy-back the study of Renal Dysplasia on the cancer study, as only a single vial of blood need be submitted in order for the study to investigate \*both\* diseases.

This is an enormous step forward, as Kerstin indicated that with as few as 20 samples from affected and 20 from carrier or clear Boxers, they will be able to begin a study aimed at identifying the particular gene(s) involved in the transmission of RD in our dogs. (The same goes for Lymphoma and other cancers of concern to us. Eventually, Degenerative Myelopathy may be added, as well.)

Yes, many of you may not have experienced this heartbreak. Unfortunately, many of us who are related, in canine terms, \*have\* experienced RD, and the results to both puppy and family are devastating.

The RD study has been named in memory of Suki -- a puppy owned and loved, before her death, by Bob Blumberg, who has agreed to fund this undertaking once adequate samples have been collected. Suki's story can be found here: <http://jdarasboxers.com/suki.htm>

Renal Dysplasia is incurable. It strikes in puppyhood and, depending upon how early it's caught and how severely it's expressed, a Boxer may die well before its first birthday, or, if lucky, live a few years with expensive kidney management techniques.

Symptoms can be as severe as failing to thrive in babyhood, or as apparently benign as too-frequent urination due to urinary tract infection in adolescence. However it first manifests itself, the eventual result, however, is always early death.

If you aren't dealing with it now, feel fortunate. And consider supporting the good work of the Dog Genome Project as they add RD to their list of genetic diseases that may just have a solution one day -- a marker for which we could test any Boxer and discover whether or not he or she is a carrier.

To participate in both the Lymphoma and the Renal Dysplasia study, please send a sample. Here are the guidelines:

1. Print out the form that needs to accompany the sample (see URL below and this newsletter)
2. Have your vet collect 5 ML of blood in an EDTA (purple top) tube  
(Do it when he or she is performing a routine heartworm test or other blood-draw and you may be able to get it done for free)
3. Label it "Suki's Study" and "Lymphoma Study," following the additional instructions on the form
4. Either send it yourself (if you have appropriate packaging materials) or have your vet send it to:
  - Dog Genome Project
  - Broad Institute
  - One Kendall Square, Bldg. 300
  - Cambridge, MA 02139

More information is available here: [http://www.broad.mit.edu/mammals/dog/sending\\_samples.html](http://www.broad.mit.edu/mammals/dog/sending_samples.html)

**\*\*NOTE\*\*** Samples can be used for studies on other cancers, as well as Degenerative Myelopathy. Also, Bob Blumberg has generously offered to make a donation to the American Boxer Charitable Foundation in the name of a dog whose blood is submitted to Suki's Study. Also, if you send a copy of your mailing label to Bob Blumberg ([rcblumberg@cox.net](mailto:rcblumberg@cox.net)) during the month of February, he will reimburse you \$50.

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## Broad Institute Blood Sample Release Form

### Research Statement:

We would like to obtain a blood sample from your dog. The sample will help us to explore canine genetic issues including patterns of genetic diversity between and within breeds, and in disease states.

#### *What are the risks Involved with a blood sample?*

A blood draw may cause a slight momentary discomfort to your dog as the needle is inserted. There is a small possibility that some bruising might be seen around the draw site. This should cause your dog only marginal, short-term discomfort and not have any major consequences. If your dog becomes aggressive and/or bites during the blood sampling process, the Canine Genome Project and the Broad Institute are not liable in any way for any resultant physical harm or property damage. Compensation is not available in the unlikely event of physical harm to your dog resulting from the blood draw procedure.

#### *Who will have Access to the Information and Specimen?*

No information about you, or the identity and health information of your dog will be made available to the public. Only the Broad Institute and collaborators on the respective studies will have access to the samples. Any studies utilizing your dog's oral/blood tissue sample will occur with the understanding that none of your dog's unique identifiers (name, AKC number, etc.) will be distributed or published.

### Dog Owner's Statement:

I have read the information provided above and have had an opportunity to ask questions regarding the procedures involved. I am the owner or the agent for the owner of the dog described below and I have the authority to execute this release. My signature below indicates I voluntarily agree to give my dog's oral tissue or blood specimen for this study.

Is it okay to share samples with our research collaborators? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Owner's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Would you like to be notified of updates via email? yes | no*

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dog's Registered Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Organization and number:** \_\_\_\_\_

• Dog's Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_ • Dog Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

• Year of Birth or Age: \_\_\_\_\_ • Variety/Coat Color: \_\_\_\_\_ • Pedigree attached? yes | no

• Dog Gender (*circle one*): Male | Male(Neu) | Female | Female(Sp) • Year of Sp/Neu \_\_\_\_\_

Any known diseases in this dog?

Any known diseases in related dogs?

### **Please send sample to:**

Dog Genome Project  
Broad Institute  
One Kendall Square, Bldg 300  
Cambridge, MA 02139

Fax: 617-252-1902 (let us know to expect the sample)  
Email: dog-info@broad.mit.edu  
Website: http://www.broad.mit.edu/mammals/dog/

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## ***Dog Disease Study: Instructions for Veterinarians***

### **Sample collection:**

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#### **1. Blood Samples:**

Please fill an EDTA tube (purple-cap) with approximately 5 mL of blood. Don't worry if you can't fill the tubes completely. The tube has a vacuum so it will automatically draw the blood from your syringe. Please don't remove the rubber stopper from the top of the tube as this increases the risk of hemolysis. Keep the blood at room temperature. Invert the tube several times to prevent clotting.

Blood that is dark red to black indicates hemolysis has started and will result in a poor quality DNA sample. The blood should appear bright red and unclotted in the tube. Please try to draw another sample if you observe dark red to black clotted blood in the tube.

Although 5 mL of blood is our standard sample size, a smaller volume (2 mL or greater) is adequate and should be considered with very small dogs or if there are other extenuating circumstances.

#### **II. Cheek swabs:**

Although we strongly prefer a blood sample, as both the quantity and quality of the DNA is much better, we can also process cheek swabs and appreciate any help with our research. Take two cheek swabs per dog, one on each side of the mouth. Let the swabs air dry for at least ten minutes.

### **Additional Information:**

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#### **1. Please label the tubes with the following information:**

- Dog's name
- Breed
- AKC number
- Sex

#### **2. Please attach the following information on a separate sheet:**

- Owner's name and contact information
- Any diseases affecting this dog
- Pedigree information

#### **3. Please include a consent form signed by owner (attached).**

### **Shipping Samples:**

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Unfortunately, we are unable to reimburse for the cost of shipping or veterinary expenses, and we greatly appreciate your assistance with our research.

Send the blood at room temperature as soon as possible. The blood will remain preserved for approximately 1 week. You can send by US Postal Service Priority Mail, FedEx or UPS.

Send cheek swabs at room temperature by FEDEX Same Day or FEDEX Overnight only! Bacteria in cheek swabs render the DNA useless if sent by slower methods.

Place the tubes in a cardboard mailing box. When shipping blood samples, please be careful to package it to prevent breakage and leaking. Please include pedigrees and diagnoses (labeled with the dog's full name and the owners name and contact information).

### **Please send samples to:**

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## RESCUE CORNER

I've been asked by the club to write a little info about one of our placed rescue dogs – so here is Charity:

Doug and I got a phone call about 11pm from a emergency vet about a Boxer pup (around 6 months old) that had been found on the sidewalk by a couple and brought to the vet center. We were told that she had two broken front legs and that they were quite bad and would need surgery. They could not be sure if she had been hit by a car or beaten with a bat. We could hear a dog crying and whimpering in the back ground.

Of course we went down to pick her up, and when we walked in and started to talk to this little dark brindle girl her little tail started wagging. How could we not give her another chance? Her legs were wrapped in cotton and as we picked her up she screamed out, but never attempted to bite. What a sweet, brave little girl.



She had surgery on her legs and they then were in casts for 8 weeks. I wish you could have seen her trying to run on those legs. We could not afford the large bill so we called all of our prior rescue people and puppy people. I have to tell you, the donations were great towards the \$3000 bill. We ended up paying a little over \$500. That is where the name of Charity started.

It took a lot of work and gradual rehab to get her really on her feet (she sure wanted to go faster). Today she is in a wonderful home with another Boxer and is truly loved. Her legs are not perfect but she doesn't know that!

I wish that all of our rescue dogs had such a wonderful life.

*Ginger*

## EDUCATION

### February 2006 Educational Program "Boxers around the World"

Judy Horton, an international Boxer judge from Australia, who successfully bred Boxers under the Intrends prefix, has given me permission to share her presentation, "Boxers around the World," with the Michigan Boxer Club. This world overview of the Boxer has been a keynote presentation at several international meetings. The following topics will be covered in this presentation:

- The Boxer of 30 years ago compared to the Boxer of today
- The 3 most important characteristics of the breed
- Boxer standards around the world
- The difference between type and style
- Photos and examples of Boxers from 4 regions:
  - North America
  - United Kingdom
  - Northern Europe
  - Southern Europe
- Virtues of Boxers from each region
- Departures from type for Boxers from each region
- Virtues and departures from type in the heads of Boxers from each region
- The single goal for all breeders
- The true measure of success

Judy's informational website on this topic is [www.worldwideboxer.com](http://www.worldwideboxer.com)

Barry Wyerman, Education Chairman, Michigan Boxer Club

## Rally—the Newest AKC Obedience Offering

Rally is a sport in which the dog and handler complete a course that has been designed by the rally judge. The judge tells the handler to begin, and the dog and handler proceed at their own pace through a course of designated stations (10-20, depending on the level). Each of these stations has a sign providing instructions regarding the next skill that is to be performed. Scoring is not as rigorous as traditional obedience.

The team of dog and handler moves continuously at a brisk, but normal, pace with the dog under control at the handler's left side. There should be a sense of teamwork between the dog and handler both during the numbered exercises and between the exercise signs; however, perfect "heel position" is not required. After the judge's "Forward" order, the team is on its own to complete the entire sequence of numbered signs correctly.

Unlimited communication from the handler to the dog is to be encouraged and not penalized. Unless otherwise specified in these Regulations, handlers are permitted to talk, praise, encourage, clap their hands, pat their legs, or use any verbal means of encouragement. Multiple commands and/or signals using one or both arms and hands are allowed; the handler's arms need not be maintained in any particular position at any time. The handler may not touch the dog or make physical corrections. At any time during the performance, loud or harsh commands or intimidating signals will be penalized.

Rally provides a link from the Canine Good Citizen® (CGC) program to obedience or agility competition, both for dogs and handlers. In addition, rally promotes fun and enjoyment for dogs at all levels of competition.

### GETTING STARTED IN RALLY

#### What is Rally?

AKC Rally is the new dog sport that is taking the nation by storm, a successful stepping stone from the AKC Canine Good Citizen® program to the world of obedience or agility. Rally offers both the dogs and handlers an experience that is fun and energizing. The canine team moves at their own pace, very similar to rally-style auto racing. Rally was designed with the traditional pet owner in mind, but it can still be very challenging for those who enjoy higher levels of competition.

A rally course includes 10 to 20 stations (signs), depending on the level. Scoring is not as rigorous as traditional obedience. Communication between handler and dog is encouraged and perfect heel position is not required, but there should be a sense of teamwork between the dog and handler. The main objective of rally is to produce dogs that have been trained to behave in the home, in public places, and in the presence of other dogs, in a manner that will reflect positively on the sport of rally at all times and under all conditions.

#### Rally Signs

The signs may be any color and they include descriptions as well as directional arrows of exercises. Signs are numbered to make it easy to find the next station when navigating the course.

Most signs are placed to the handler's right side; change of direction signs are in front of the handler/dog team. The signs are large enough to be easily recognized when going through a course. The exercises designated on the signs will be performed in close proximity to the sign itself, either in front, back of, or beside the sign.

#### Levels of Competition

The three levels of competition in AKC Rally:

Novice - this is the first level for those just getting started in competition.

- All exercises are performed with the dog on leash.
- There is a requirement of 10-15 stations to complete with no more than five stationary exercises.
- The exercises performed vary from turning 360 degrees to changing paces during the course.
- Exhibitors at this level may clap their hands and pat their legs through the course.

Advanced - this is the second level, which includes more difficult exercises throughout the course.

- All exercises are performed off-leash.
- There is a requirement of 12-17 stations with no more than seven stationary exercises.
- Exercises include a jump as well as calling your dog to the front of you instead of to a heel position.

Excellent - this third and highest level of AKC Rally is the most challenging.

- Exercises are performed off-leash except for the honor exercise.
- There is a requirement of 15-20 stations, with no more than 7 stationary exercises.
- Handlers are only allowed to encourage their dogs verbally. Physical encouragement is not allowed at this level.
- The Excellent-level exercises include backing up three steps, while the dog stays in the heel position and a moving stand, while the handler walks around the dog.

#### Qualifying Performance

A qualifying performance indicates that the dog has performed the required exercises according to the AKC Rally Regulations. Each performance is timed, but times are only counted if two dogs earn the same score.

#### Qualifying Score

All dogs and handlers begin with a perfect 100. A dog and handler team is awarded a qualifying score if it retains at least 70 points after the course has been completed. Once the team has completed the course, their score will be posted ringside.

#### Rally Titles

The dogs must earn three qualifying scores under two different judges in order to receive a rally title. The titles that can be earned are:

#### Rally Novice: RN

#### Rally Advanced: RA

#### Rally Excellent: RE

#### Rally Advanced Excellent: RAE

The requirement for the RAE title is that the dog must qualify ten times in both the Advanced B class and the Excellent B class at the same trial.

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## Show Wins

### Ch. Cameliard's Casting Shadows—"Molly"

**Owner:** Liz Bistline

**Breeder:** Virginia Johnson, Cameliard Boxers

**Handler:** James Bettis

Am/Can Ch. BJay's Traveling Man x  
Am/Can Ch. Cameliard's Color Me Gone

#### Award of Merit

Boxer Club of Southern California—1/6/06  
Judge: Mrs. J C Sigler

#### Award of Merit

Kennel Club of Palm Springs—1/7/06  
Judge: Mrs. Sheila DiNardo

#### Award of Merit

Kennel Club of Palm Springs—1/8/06  
Judge: Mrs. Patricia G. Mullen

### Am/Can/LPI Ch. Bentbrook's High Expectations—"Louie"

**Owner:** Ann Dardai (Sweden)

**Breeder:** Barb Carroll, Bentbrook Boxers

Am/Can Ch. Bentbrook's Image of High Noon, SOM  
x Bentbrook's M R Center Stage

#### SV05 (Swedish BOB Winner 2005)

**\*\*Crufts Qualified at 6 Years Old\*\***

Hund2005

Judge: Mr. William R. Taylor

Hund2005, an FCI international dog show, is one of the largest in Scandinavia. Almost 8,000 dogs took part in the show. The show is renowned for its extraordinary finals and international well-known list of judges.

### Ch. Golden Gloves UpperCut—"Dillon"

**Owner:** Judy DeWolff, Golden Gloves Boxers

**Breeder:** Hali Bartells

**Handler:** Sherry Canciamille

Ch. Golden Gloves A Cut Above x  
Maisey's Amazing Grace

#### Winners Dog—3-point Major

**\*\*New Champion\*\***

Northstar Working Group Association—1/6/06  
Judge: Mr. Gary M Bassett

This was Dillon's third major.

### Golden Gloves TKO—"Joe"

**Owner:** Pamela & Michael Barnwell

**Breeders:** Judy DeWolff, Golden Gloves Boxers

Joanne Kaiser, K & D Boxers

Alan & Joanna Dorfman, Boca Boxers

**Handler:** Guy Fisher/Julie Sako

Ch. Sentry's T-Bone x  
Ch. K & D's Daytripper of Golden Gloves

#### Winners Dog—2 points

Oakland County Kennel Club—1/21/06  
Judge: Mrs. Margaret Alhino

### Shaeward's Jolly Holiday at Newcastle—"Emma"

**Owner:** Jennifer & Jeremy Walker, Newcastle Boxers

**Breeder:** Alisha Mobley, Shaeward Boxers

Kti Jensen, Global Boxers

Faerdorn Rock DJ, CGC (Imp UK) x  
Riccibet Game Time (Imp UK)

#### Reserve Winners Bitch

Oakland County Kennel Club—1/22/06  
Judge: Mrs. Sandra E. Ellis

Emma is uncropped, and was owner-handled from the 6-9 month puppy class. This was her second show weekend.

### Send Show Wins & Litter Announcements to

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## New ChatterBoxer Sections

### Member Participation Requested!

We would like to create/bring back some sections of the ChatterBoxer, but we need your help to make it happen! Some of the sections we're hoping to add are:

#### **New Champions**

(Attention Tom & Judy DeWolff!!)

A photo of your new Champion, a highlight of their wins, and any information you want to share about the dog. (This will also help when the Awards Banquet comes around, as you won't have to scramble to pull this information together at the last minute!)

#### **Rainbow Bridge**

A way to celebrate the life of the Boxers who pass on throughout the year. Of course, I hope that this will be a little-used section, but we do want to share your sorrows as well as your joys.

#### **Breeder Profile**

We have centuries of Boxer breeding experience among our members, and we'd like to share some of their wisdom with rest of the Club. Please feel free to submit your own information, or some suggestions as to what you'd like to hear from others.

#### **Ask the Experts**

Ask a question on any dog-related subject, and I will seek out answers from professionals in the field. I can't guarantee they'll all get answered, but I'll do my best, and will try to find information even if I can't get a direct response from anyone!

*(Photos for the sections can either be sent to me electronically, or by postal mail and I will scan them and return them to you.)*

As always, I am open to any suggestions you have for additional information/sections to add—this is *your* newsletter, after all!

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