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# Gold'C'ker News

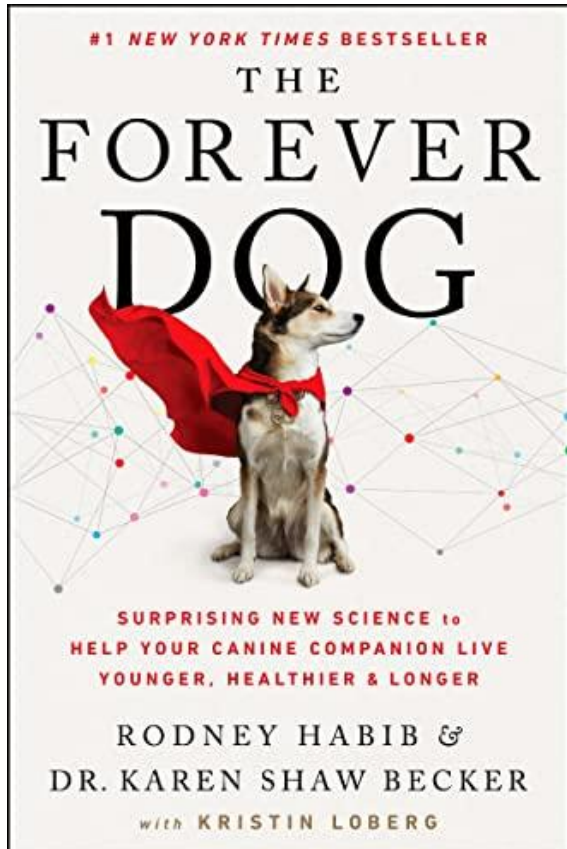
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New Year 2023

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I have to start out this issue with one of the best tips I can likely ever pass on to you and hopefully you will pass on to many others to help our dogs. If you have not yet ordered and read the Forever Dog Book. It is a MUST!!! This is packed with outstanding information for what we can all do to help our dogs live a healthier longer life. Every idea you can take away from it to incorporate into what you provide will be a benefit. It's a great GIFT idea and if there is just ONE book you read upcoming, make it this one for your dogs' benefit. We all know how much we are blessed to have them in our lives so we owe it to do the best for them in return 🍀



## EYE CLINIC

April 16, 2023

Save the Date

4 our next

Annual Eye Clinic

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Knot in wardrobe starring as "Old Ed" in  
Cats and Dogs 3



🎬 I am frequently asked what movies and shows our dogs are in. The most exciting project I have to share for this year is the upcoming release of the "American Girl" movie. A story about an Avalanche Rescue Dog. Our girl "Fish" plays the lead animal role of "Flurry" and her stunt double is played by Marla Paton's girl "Seven" ~ Wyncoras It's A Numbers Game SDN ATD ATD-M. Both Knot daughters. They did an absolutely fabulous job together and we had a lot of fun shooting this film, in the snow in stunning Mountains, with perfect weather. "Knot" also had some little cameos in the movie 🧠



"Soak" had a little role in "Heartland" this season for her film debut. In the distant past "Guess" and "Q" and our Ragdoll cats have appeared in the series. 🎬

**MEMORIES** If you would like to check out some Nostalgia, in 2004, we began doing film work. Generations back in our pedigrees, "Pepsi" and "Cker" doubled as the lead old dog "Gracie" in the movie "The Clinic" starring Mike Farrell from M\*A\*S\*H\* 📺 📽️ 📺

**IT** has been a super busy year for film. The following is a list of what we worked on just in the past year. Seems crazy when looking at the list 📽️

Under The Banner of Heaven – Limited Series  
 Fraggle Rock – TV Series  
 Billy The Kid – TV Series  
 Champions – Movie  
 Cold Road – Movie  
 American Girl – Movie  
 Heart Land – TV Series  
 Joe Pickett S2 – TV Series  
 My Life With The Walter Boys – TV Series  
 Fargo S5 – Limited Series



## INCENTIVE GIFTS

Feeling super guilty that I have let these slide.  
 Starting up again with titles earned in 2023!  
 Looking forward to a Super FUN YEAR!  
 🏆 🏆 BEST OF LUCK TO ALL 🏆 🏆

**Around the Ring** **SOAK** had some lovely successes at the fall CKC Agility Trials. Along with Steeplechase and Master Jumpers Q's, she earned her AGN (Agility Novice) and her XP (Excellent Points and Distance) Titles. She also tossed a CGN Title in for fun.

## RIO

Rio and I entered virtual trials in rally this fall through CARO (Canadian Association of Rally Obedience), which is fairly similar to CKC Rally. He had already earned his Novice title virtually through them in the spring, so we entered three Advanced trials. I'm happy to report that he not only passed all three rounds that I submitted, but earned perfect scores of 200 for each round, earning a new title.



Our work isn't flawless since some criteria such as heeling position are more relaxed than for CKC competition obedience, but it does mean that he and I performed all the essential criteria for each exercise without mistakes. I'm happy with how our teamwork is progressing! Virtual trials have given me concrete training goals while we work towards being ready to enter in-person trials, and I like getting feedback from judges and the sense of achievement of earning titles.

CARO has some differences from CKC that I like. They allow food rewards in the ring for a few stations in Novice and Advanced, so it's a very nice way to gradually taper off reinforcements in the ring. They also have special additions to their titles for good scores: CL for cum laude if the average of the 3 Q's is 180-190 and MCL for magna cum laude if the average is 190-200. Rio's full title is therefore CRAMCL. Quite the alphabet soup!

This link is for my favorite round of the three.

[https://youtu.be/wD2\\_RarN48U](https://youtu.be/wD2_RarN48U)

Christine

## MINT

After obtaining her ATD (Advanced Trick Dog) and NTD-M (Novice Trick Dog Masters) Titles in November 2021, we anxiously awaited the agility trials at the AKC Summer Classic/ GRCC National! The day before the trial started Mint went into season. Wanting to accomplish something this year, we had her try dock diving. She ended up earning her DS (Dock Senior) Title! Dock diving was a great work out for her hind legs as we were having issues with her knocking down bars during agility training, plus she just LOVED the sport (can't wait for the pool to open at Wet Noses)!





Mint then went on to earn her AGN (Agility Novice) as well as her JT (Jumps & Tunnels) Titles at the Rocky Mountain Working Herding Club of Alberta agility trials at Wet Noses in September. A week later, she went on to earning her AGNJ (Novice Jumpers with Weaves) and NP (Novice PAD) Titles at the LDKC Agility Trials. The following weekend she earned her CGN (Canine Good Neighbour) Title. We've had all her health testing done in 2021 & 2022 (eyes, thyroid, genetics) and we're thankful all is clear. Her hip/elbow X-rays have been done and do look good, but still needs to be evaluated by OFA veterinarians. If you haven't had your dog's health testing done yet, what are you waiting for? Between the tests, intelligence, and versatility Mint is showing, the

evidence indicates Goldcker breeds quality golden retrievers! For us, things are looking up, and the relationship with Mint is deepening further!



Nancy

loved seeing new places, and noshing on regional snacks (local sausages and Amish fry pies were among his favorites). He also earned a new nickname, "Scout", as he loved to watch where we are going in the truck.

## SOUTH OF THE BORDER

### Luke

Luke had a lot of fun in 2022! Here are the highlights.

He started the year with a Reserve Winners Dog and Best of Winners in the AKC conformation ring, wagging his big tail non-stop. I thought it was a great accomplishment that he kept his feet on the ground as Luke greets everyone with so much enthusiasm. Luke also earned his Certificate of Conformation Assessment, and the three evaluators had very nice things to say about him.

Luke's favorite sport is the field, and he debuted in UKC by going 4 for 4 to earn his Started Hunting Retriever title (the equivalent of the AKC Junior Hunter). Two of the tests were run in 100°F, and the hardest part was convincing Luke to come out of the cool ponds with his duck.

We went on Luke's first long road trip, from Oregon to the GRCA national in Michigan. Luke



At the GRCA National, Luke earned his first JH leg and his Working Certificate. The Junior Hunter test was difficult, with high cover and long marks; half of our flight went out on the land series. Luke had a long hunt on his second water retrieve, but he was not coming back without his duck and he kept searching in the

reeds and shadows until he found it. At the WC test, Luke handled the double really well EXCEPT for almost bypassing me with Duck 1 and going to pick up Duck 2 on the same trip! I really don't want to find out if he can fit two ducks in his mouth at the same time. Thankfully, Luke came when I called him!

To finish out the year, Luke earned his Tracking Dog title, covering 465 yards and four turns in three minutes! The judges and the spectators said it was one of the fastest tracks they've ever seen. It was certainly the fastest track I have ever RUN!

Oh, and Luke went to his first agility match! We did four runs, and it started pretty wild! But by the last run, Luke was running short sequences, including twelve weave poles and sticking his contacts. Good job, Baby Boy!



Cindy

## KASPER

I could not be happier with Kasper's achievements in 2022. He is an amazing partner, so intuitive, driven, athletic, and so very handsome! I thank Lori Lancaster, Lori Copsey, and Nancy Lewis for blessing me with this outstanding boy every single day.



Kasper's year started in mid-December 2021, winning the Novice Division of the AKC Classic in Orlando, Florida. This is the most distracting and competitive venue that AKC offers and Kasper won each of his three classes with a 199, 199, and 199.5 to top the field of excellent dogs and handlers. In April, Kasper was featured in Front and Finish Magazine as the top AKC

Novice dog of 2021 which was an amazing honor considering the dogs that were also in Novice at that point all across the country. He also achieved his DS-AKC Dock Senior title at that show as well.



Kasper finished his CDX and UD in fine form with several more High In Trials just before we left to show at the Classic in December 2021. Those High In Trials achieved his entry in to the Golden Retriever Club of America Obedience Hall of Fame. I didn't start showing in Open B



and Utility B (working towards his UDX and OTCH) until February. We normally do about 2 show weekends a month—so about 4 trials per month. We did not show in March or in June as I was in Florida visiting my daughter and son-in-law, and we did not show in August due to our trip to Canada. In just 6 months of showing in a very competitive area, Kasper achieved his UDX and then his Obedience Trial Championship!

Kasper finished out 2022 with 18 AKC High In Trials and 2 Canadian High In Trials, and 14 High Combined awards. He is currently listed as #10 Golden for HITs in the USA. Kasper has had multiple 199.5 scores in both Open B and Utility B. We again competed at the AKC Classic just a few weeks ago in Orlando, this time in the extremely competitive Master Division. Being still very inexperienced in both of these classes, especially in a very distracting venue, my goals were to qualify in every exercise and to finish in the Top 25 of all the dogs entered there. I knew these were very lofty goals but I have such faith in Kasper as a teammate, I wanted to shoot for it. We more than achieved these goals by qualifying in every ring and every exercise, and by finishing #14 overall. We had a couple tough Utility rings with Go Outs that looked very different from what he is accustomed to and we lost some points on no-sits on Go Outs in those rings. These are common “green” dog mistakes and we would have placed in the Top 10 easily.

I don’t show in the Conformation ring, but many people have encouraged me to enter Kasper in Conformation. So I entered him in a CCA—GRCA Certificate of Conformation Assessment in April. He aced all three judges and received his CCA

certificate receiving very nice remarks from all three of the judges.



Kasper is truly a once in a lifetime dog. He is so sweet, so smart, so intuitive, and very handsome. He has a funny, quirky sense of humor and loves to smile. I cannot tell you how proud I am to hold the end of his leash! Many thanks to Lori for making this breeding happen and blessing me with Kasper!

Karen Thompson



A novice handler wants to work on intermediate training. An intermediate handler wants to work on advanced training, but an advanced handler works on the basics.

@thingsdoghandlersay

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## From the Whelping Box

We are enjoying immensely, our latest successful arrivals and looking forward to a new addition to our home early this year. Stay Tuned...




Next Plan: A super exciting frozen semen breeding in the works!

<https://k9data.com/pedigree.asp?ID=1224212>



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## Upcoming Events

 **EYE CLINIC** Mark your calendars for **April 16, 2023**. We are only holding a clinic once a year in the spring so don't miss out. Your Golden's Eye Health is extremely important!!!  

Golden Retriever Club of America National 2023 <https://2023.grcanational.com/> Sept 8 - 18

Please contact me for more details on any of the following or your interest in training to join the fun!

3 Obedience Trials/3 Rally Trials/3 Shows – January 27-29, 2023

Agility Trial – February 3-5, 2023 – Several others in the Edmonton area also upcoming

Always check out <https://www.canuckdogs.com> for full event information 

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Looking forward to creating countless amazing memories  
with our Golden's in 2023!!!

Until the next issue... Please send me your submissions; stories, accomplishments, brags, titles earned, photos, questions, tips, comments, ideas, jokes, recipes, upcoming events, requests...

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*Wishing you the quiet beauty  
of a Peaceful Christmas Season*



SOAK