

News Flash! GRCI's 2015 CCA is History...

Saturday, April 11th, saw a dedicated group of volunteers gathering at 7:00 am to set-up for our CCA held at Pawsitively Heaven Pet Resort, Chicago Ridge, IL. This is our second time hosting a CCA at PHPR, and it once again, proved to be an excellent place for its accessibility in so many ways. We always like working with the staff and the room we use is easy to work in. All of our volunteers (identified below) helped to get the room ready with setting up ring gates, tables and hospitality.



As dog's arrived per their scheduled evaluation time, they were capably measured by Kathy Guerra, after expertly calibrating the wicket, and photographed by Hal Axelrod. Kathy and Hal moved through each dog so quickly and smoothly, they didn't even know that they had anything done. Kim Mroczenski brought in some breakfast snacks and had Lucano's deliver our lunch at 10:30, so we were all ready to eat at our first break in evaluating. One thing I learned is that people aren't very hungry at this event, so in the future, less food is needed.

Maureen O'Shaunessy, with Mary and Tom Schulz, all from Wisconsin, joined us as Evaluators. They did an awesome job, moving through the entrants smoothly and expertly. Nancy Einwich, Kaye Dahlquist and Michelle Kolb all assisted the evaluators throughout the day. My good friend, Bev Jurinek, agreed to be an evaluator helper (boy, do I owe her...) and did a tremendous job. She found it very interesting to listen to the evaluators and the how's and why's per the standard.

It goes without saying that the paper pusher of the group does the most and tends to get the least credit. Sandy Cummings was our Secretary (paper pusher), handling 24 entries and all of the associated paperwork that goes with them. She also called around to get our evaluators, which can take some time to get hold of them and to get them to reply. Then, after the rest of us are done with our work at the end of the day, Sandy has to complete the GRCA forms and get everything mailed out to them. Without Sandy, I know I probably wouldn't have agreed to chair the event as we have worked well together in the past and she gets the job done. Michelle Kolb, Kaye Dahlquist and Kathy Guerra all assisted Sandy in totaling scores for each dog.

Once the first "flight" of entries concluded judging, ribbons were awarded for each qualifying score per judge, and if the dog had received three qualifying scores, they were presented with a beautiful rosette. The same presentation was done after the second flight. Pictures were taken for the GRCA of the morning and afternoon groups. All attendees also received a decorative metal container and treats provided by Fromm Family Foods.

As you may have noticed while reading, all of our volunteers did double or triple duty at this event, which I am so grateful for, as the event went off without a hitch. However, that being said, we as members really need to see where we can pitch in and volunteer to help. Our committee was looking for volunteers up to the day. I am sure we are not alone in looking for people to help at events. Please, why be a member of a club if not to at least volunteer once

in a while, or more. This is your club, help to make it something you can be proud to be called a member.

By the way, the next day I attended the GRCI Health Clinic superbly chaired by Pat Covek. What a fantastic event, a phenomenal number of dogs were in attendance. Great job, Pat!