Editor’s Note

As summer arrives we all think about being outdoors. Why not include your dog? Most love to go with you and to do things with you! I participate in numerous dog activities, all of which both of my Bouviers love to do.

Of course, there are always walks – just try to keep them during the cooler morning and evening hours. You can stop frequently to rest, and make sure to have water available to them when you get back to your car or to your destination. If your dog has a very reliable recall, you can allow them off-lead to enjoy a run, but you must make sure it is allowed in the area and that your dogs do not have any opportunity to walk into a street or to run into and possibly intimidate other hikers and/or dogs. You must never forget that your Bouvier can be protective, and a dog as large as a Bouvier always takes the blame, deserved or not, in a negative encounter.

There are numerous organized activities. Bouviers are natural carting dogs. Though I have had the breed since (dare I say it) 1980, I just recently participated in a carting clinic our local Bouvier club sponsored. My Darwin did amazingly well. In fact, all but one of the Bouviers there did very well! Another fun thing to do is agility. If competition is not your thing, you can still go to classes – the activity is a natural for most Bouviers since they love to run and jump and it’s a great time to socialize with other dog people. There is rally obedience and regular obedience, tracking, nose work, and herding. And, for those of you who love music, there is freestyle – what could be better dancing with your dog as a willing partner? So – get out there and do something!

And have a wonderful summer.

Rescuer Roundup

The following adoptions were reported for February 22, 2010 – May 20, 2010

Terry Travis & Owen Beitsch  Winter Park, FL “Hamm”
Steve & Ellen Brink  Lombard, IL “Misty & Magic”
Courtney & Timothy Brobst  Buffalo Grove, IL “Haley”
Dee Burton  Avon, OH “Caetie & Brodie”
Robin Colant  Lemont, IL “Ari”
Sandi Goldman “Gabby”  Pocono Lake PA

George & Regina Grippo  Hicksville, NY “Chloe & Hermes”
Jane Joseph  Asbury, NJ “Flinty McGee”
Pam & Robert Jubic, Jr.  Wallingford, PA “Prince & Basha”
Joy Kubitiz  Frisco, TX “Frankie”
Ben Leace  TAMARAC, FL “Sacha”
Cindy May  Boerne, TX “Benjamin”
Dion Dillon & C. J. Ray  Tyrone, PA “Bear”
Kelley & Matt Rustige  St. Louis, MO “Gretta”
Yvonne Skinner  Wilcox, AZ “Rocky/D’Janga”
Cathy & Stan Turner  Charleston, SC “Abby”
Judy Unger-Clark  Rindge, NH “Belgium”
Trudy Wise  McGraw, NY “Nellie”

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“If your dog doesn’t like someone you probably shouldn’t either.”
– Unknown