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On Saturday, May 1, 2010 Auburn, Georgia will host a special event! "For the Love of Dogs" is designed to pay tribute to man's best friend; and, it is expected to draw hundreds of companion dog enthusiasts for a day of bonding, enlightenment, fresh air and fun!

Features of the day will include: herding, cart-pulling, tracking, obedience, drug-sniffing, military service skills of dog soldiers, canine police officers, therapy dogs, fly ball, Frisbee, agility, dancing with dogs, search and rescue, and more!

Workshops by experts: "There's no Excuse for Bad Manners," "Maintaining Those Pearly Whites," "Understanding Dog Nutrition," "Working Through Destructive Behavior," and much, much more!

Contests for attendees and their dogs: Cutest button nose, waggiest tail, best old faithful, best look-alike to owner, biggest dog, tiniest dog, relay games, a "Rally," and a recall contest, to name just a few. Prizes for all the winners!

Obedience trainers will be on hand for "sample obedience lessons" for the attendees. There will be a Rabies Clinic and a Micro Chip Clinic, dog accessories vendors, veterinarians, groomers, and vacation caregivers. And, we have invited all breed rescue groups and no-kill shelters with vaccinated dogs – ready for adoption – to join us for the day. Hopefully, the talents and skills of featured canine guests will inspire attendees to provide a forever home for some of these wonderful dogs who long for a family of their own.

To encourage attendees to choose the breed best suited for their personalities and lifestyle, we want to extend an invitation to you and your breed club to be our special guests for the day. Too many people choose their breed for the wrong reasons (the cute button nose, the breed that was featured in a popular movie, the most recent Westminster winner.) One of our chief goals is to help people to make educated choices in an effort to prevent future owner disappointment when the puppy grows up to be what he has been bred to be and to slow down the "displaced dog syndrome." Who, better than a responsible breeder understands the desire of knowing that their puppies become beloved family members for a lifetime?

Please consider this worthy project. Join us "For the Love of Dogs." Know that sharing your experience and expertise is invaluable in helping the public to know and understand your breed.

Enclosed is a registration form. Simply fill it out and return it by April 1, 2010. You will be included in the printed program that includes all featured guests and a schedule of activities for the day. If you have further questions, don't hesitate to call me at the number listed below.

Sherrie R. Miller, Director



“MEET THE BREED” Registration Form

Contact Name: _____

Breed of Dog: _____

Kennel Name, if applicable: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone #'s: (H) _____ **(C)** _____

Email Address: _____

It is our honor to welcome you as an expert in your dog breed. Our goal is to educate attendees of this event so that they can make a knowledgeable choice of breed the next time they seek a purebred dog. We ask that you provide information that will give attendees the clearest picture possible of their:

- Temperament - child-friendly, stranger friendly, tolerant of other animals, etc.
- Personality - A lie-by-the-fire dog or one who is never ready to stop fetching the ball; never meets a stranger or reserved with those they do not know; refined and dignified or rambunctious and fun loving
- Lifespan and physical pros and cons - please note strong suits:

Easily obedience trained, doesn't shed, easy to groom, great with children, good traveler, not neurotic or phobic, gets along with other animals, and so forth;
as well as weak ones, such as:

Prone to hip dysplasia, luxated patellas, early tooth loss, bloat, cancer, must have lots of outdoor exercise time, a working breed that needs daily stimulation, a fragile breed that shouldn't be left alone with a small child, a bully breed that should live with a strong, in-charge owner, a breed that is not easily housebroken, a flat-muzzled breed that cannot cope with extreme heat, etc.

To make potential clients aware of issues associated with any given breed is the mark of a responsible breeder; and helping to educate those who might choose the breed we love is one way we can slow down the displaced dog syndrome – when the dog grows up from the precious puppy they purchased to become what he or she was bred to be.

For the Love of Dogs is designed as a day filled with fun and learning; a day that signifies the value of the contribution that dogs make to our lives; an event that, at day's end, will hopefully encourage us as responsible dog owners to help our dogs live longer, happier, healthier lives.