

The Wet Nose News



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Awards Dinner and Meeting

The Annual Awards Dinner will be held on Thursday, April 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at the Farmhouse Restaurant.

Please contact Margie Greco at bwboxer@comcast.net or 695-5026, if you are planning on attending so she has an idea of how many will be coming. If you decide to come later and haven't called, just come anyway, there will be plenty of room. Directions are included in this newsletter. If you would like to carpool or follow someone, please let Margie know.

TROPHY DONATION DEADLINE

If you are going to donate a trophy item for a particular breed/class, please call Jessie Coleman by April 3rd and let her know what you will be donating. Stainless steel insulated travel mugs with the club logo are available at a cost of \$6.00 to club members for breed/class or obedience trophies.

Clocks will be offered for Groups at a cost of \$25.00 each. A free full page catalog ad will be offered to whoever purchases a clock for Saturday and Sunday.

As many of you know, fees for holding dog shows have gone up again, so please support your club by donating a trophy or taking out a catalog ad.

You can also help by asking any businesses or veterinarians to purchase a catalog ad or donate a trophy. The cost for the mugs (for trophies) is \$7.00 for nonmembers.

The cost of catalog ads are as follows:

Club members: Full page ad with picture(s) - \$25.00
1/2 page ad \$20.00
1/4 page ad \$15.00

Nonmembers: Full page ad with picture(s) - \$35.00
1/2 page ad - \$25.00
1/4th page ad - \$20.00

Please Note: Picture(s) are allowed in full page ads only and business cards are accepted for any size ad. An advertising sheet is enclosed with the newsletter for your convenience. We still have a few months before catalog ads are due.

There is a deadline of Thursday, April 3rd for trophy donations, so please let Jessie know what you are donating or you may bring your list (or trophies if you have them) to the Awards dinner. You can reach her at 304-455-2741.

BOOK REVIEW

Notes From Rainbow Bridge

Most people have read about the “Rainbow Bridge” It is the tranquil place where our pets go when their time on earth is through. If you haven’t read it, please read the poem below and then we will talk about the book “Notes from Rainbow Bridge”.

Rainbow Bridge

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water, and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All animals that were ill and old are restored to health and vigor. Those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing: they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent. His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face, your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet so long gone from your life but never absent in your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together....



Now that you’ve read about the Rainbow Bridge, you will understand why author Beth Szilagyi titled the book “Notes from Rainbow Bridge.” I bought this book after Shaynah passed away. I have to admit there were tears, but also laughter while I read, but it also left me with so much comfort and peace that I’d like to share this with you.

The book was inspired by the author’s own “angel” dog, Cassie Jane and the love that they shared. It’s filled with stories about pets at the rainbow bridge and their lives.

It begins with Cassie Jane, thinly disguised as Chloe the narrator of this story. Chloe was a Samoyed and recent arrival at the Bridge, who was assigned by Big Dog to write a story about what the place is all about. Typical of her breed, and dogs in general, she does it with a combination of canine wit, wisdom and whimsy. Chloe first tells you a little about her life with her owner Anna. She goes on to tell you stories about all sorts of other pets that live there or who chose to go back to earth as another animal. Eventually, they will be reunited with their owners. I won’t tell you anymore, as I don’t want to spoil it for you. In conclusion, this is a wonderful little paperback that all animal lovers should read.

If you would like to order the book, go to:
<http://notesfromrainbowbridge.homestead.com>

or

<http://www.synergiebooks.com>

Cost: \$13.99 (incl. S/H). Ebook or CD-rom cost is less.

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From the Editor: Let’s have some fun and see who reads their newsletter! To make it fair, I will give a Solar Memorial Stone (\$20.00 value) to the first club member (excluding officers) to read their newsletter by email or the website AND the first club member to read the newsletter by snailmail. Ok, I know club officers will feel left out, so I have something for you!! The first officer to read the newsletter will also get a Solar Memorial Stone.

To qualify, you must call or email me: 695-1651 or brendangsd@comcast.net. Oops, I’m not finished yet - there is a small catch and it’s easy. In order to be a **winner** and **collect**, you must attend either the Awards Dinner meeting or attend the next meeting, where you can pick up your prize. If the qualifications haven’t been met at that time, then there will be a raffle at the club meeting (with money being donated to the club).

Hey, maybe we could get members to donate items to raffle off at meetings. Hope you had a Great Easter.

Directions to the Farm Restaurant from Main Street in St. Clairsville

If you would like to follow or carpool with someone, please contact
Margie Greco at 695-5026 or email: bwboxer@comcast.net

- 1: Turn LEFT or RIGHT onto N SUGAR ST.
- 2: N SUGAR ST becomes ST CLAIRSVILLE-CRESCENT.
- 3: Turn RIGHT onto CRESCENT-BARTON RD.
- 4: CRESCENT-BARTON RD becomes COLERAIN-BARTON.
- 5: Turn LEFT onto MERCER RD.
- 6: Turn LEFT onto US-250.
- 7: Turn RIGHT onto OH-150.
- 8: End at 1247 State Route 150 Adena, OH
9. THE FARM 740 769-2050 is on the Right

