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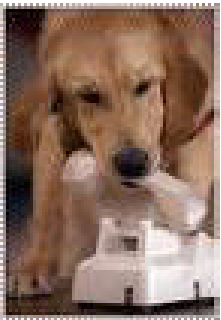
LuAnn Kennedy, Editor

DON'T MISS THE CLUB MEETING

The next club meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Ohio Valley Mall Community Room in St. Clairsville.** This is our annual election night. Hope to see you there!

Referral Line

by Eloise Wolfson



Our referral line has truly been a HOT Line in the month of December. I regret that I did not keep a log and a record of the calls I received in this past month. In addition to responding to our ad in the newspaper, many contacts came through our web site, as well as through the offices of veterinarians.

Several callers almost made me cry. They were the people who had just “lost” a pet, and many of them told me the whole story of the last illness and the parting. Some were stories of older dogs that had been ill for several weeks, but some were about much younger dogs that died as a result of an acute illness. It is really hard to keep those calls to a minimum of a few minutes, so I guess you would have to say that we also do grief counseling. It has been great that a few have called or e-mailed the happy result of acquiring a new puppy. Two callers wanted us to know that visiting the recommended breeder was a great experience.

There are real opportunities for education. One woman began her call by saying that she knows she shouldn't get a puppy at a pet store, but how else can she find a puppy? Many callers ask for a referral to a breeder in the “local” area. You would not believe the number of calls that were for “teacup” poodles, Chihuahuas, Shih Tzus and even a teacup beagle! Soooooo, we discuss why “teacup” isn't a good idea, breed standard size and genetic health problems, and why it is important to travel to a reputable breeder. In at least one incidence, I did send the caller to breed rescue since he definitely did not want a young puppy.

The referral service doesn't put any money in our treasury, but it is time well spent. It definitely lets people know that we are about quality and will do everything we can to help folks find that perfect healthy pup, and our service costs them nothing.

Upcoming Club Meetings

February's program will focus on “Rescue and Transports.”

March - No program scheduled. If you have an idea for a program, please let a board member know.

April - This will be our annual awards dinner.

**In the
Winners'
Circle
and we
have
many!**



Ch. Doveland Winter Solstice (Gavin) was BOB at the Penn Treaty KC show in Philadelphia PA on November 15th and won a Group 4 under judge Paula Hartinger. He also went BOB at the Greater Philadelphia Dog Fanciers Association the following day under Beth Sweigart. Gavin was shown to these wins by co-owner Jeffery Bazell.

On November 30th (rankings change every month) The Canine Chronicle lists Gavin as #16 Brussels Griffon in their Breed Ratings and #12 Brussels Griffon in their All Breed Ratings. Gavin has only been specialed a total of 3 weekends. Congratulations Bertie, I'm sure she and Jeffery are both beaming from ear to ear.

It's a New Champion for Burrwood Boxers!

On December 14th, 2007 at the Medina Kennel Club show, Dex became *Ch. Varsity's Sky Captain* under judge Judy Doniere. Going into the show Dex needed one point, but went BW and received two points.

Dex was handled by Marylou Hatfield for this win. Dex will return to the ring in March as a "Special". Dex will be 2 yrs. old in March!

Congratulations to Dex's proud parents Carman and Margie!



Karen Fatula's 10 mo. old Dalmatian Peyton "*Carpathian Intrigue of Zdar*" was BOW at Agathon on Sunday, November 25th, 2007 for 1 point under Judge Dr. Robert Indeglia. Karen has been attending handling classes at Gold Star Kennel. Congratulations Karen!

Lisa Miller and her two year old GSD, "*Bendragon von Heulenwinden*" took First Place in the Novice Dog Class at the Western Pennsylvania GSDC Specialty show in September. Congratulations Lisa!

Charmaine Widmore entered the Columbus Cluster with Juno, her black smooth girl, "*Featherwood Just Blak In Time*" and she won WB for 1 pt. She now needs a major to finish. Charmaine says she will probably hibernate until the March shows, as she is will be busy with the puppies, and getting them ready for spring shows. Congratulations Charmaine and Juno!

On Friday, December 14th at the Medinal Kennel Club Dog Show in Cleveland, Vickie Turner's Rottweiler Veil "*Darkstarr's Nightveil N Three D*" got a major reserve. She also got a major reserve in Cleveland the next day at the Richland County Kennel Club. Congratulations to Vickie and Veil!

Birthday Girl



Shaynah turned 15th on November 27th. She has difficulty maneuvering, but her Daddy helps her out. She is one precious girl and we're lucky to have her with us. LuAnn & Bill.

Sad News

Kay Moore's girl Misty passed away in November. Misty would have been 16 in February.

Our hearts go out to Kay and Floyd for their loss.



Shaynah and Misty are featured in March 2007's newsletter dedicated to Senior Dogs. If you don't have a copy, you may go to the website at: www.scokc.org

It Takes a Little Longer

*by Doreen Dysert
Marcy Mtn Mastiffs*

It takes a little longer as you climb up on the hill
You huff and puff and grunt your stuff, what a test of will!

It takes a little longer for you to settle in my chair,
You squirm and turn, nest and churn, the blanket lying there.

It takes a little longer for you to make the trip outside
I gather keys, coats and leash and then you change your mind.

It takes a little longer for you to lick your paws and groom.
And it takes a little longer for you to know I'm in the room.

It takes a little longer for you to know I called your name.
But when you look and understand, the love is still the same.

And it takes a little longer for me to see you day by day.
Letting go of things you love as you start the path away.

It takes a little longer for you to express the how and why.
You've been training me to understand it is time to say good-bye.

It takes a little longer for me to walk the hill out there
And it takes a little longer to refold the blanket in the chair.

I know your spirit watches from the shadow of a dream.
It will take a little longer, but I know you'll wait for me.

Why Dogs Don't Live as Long as People (Author unknown)

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owner, his wife, and their little boy were all very attached to Belker and they were hoping for a miracle.

I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family there were no miracles left for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home.

As we made arrangements, the owners told me they thought it would be good for the four-year-old boy to observe the procedure. They felt he could learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. The little boy seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on.

Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away. The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion.

We sat together for a while after Belker's death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives. The little boy, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why."

Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation. He said, "Everybody is born so that they can learn how to live a good life - like loving everybody and being nice, right?" The four-year-old continued, "Well, animals already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long."

National Geographic Special

Dog Town Crisis Dogs

The **National Geographic Channel** will be airing a special program next week on “Dog Town Crisis Dogs” which is where the dogs live at the Best Friend’s Animal Sanctuary in Utah.

The special is about a puppy mill facility which is raided by Nebraska state authorities. Over a hundred dogs are found in terrible conditions. DogTown arranges an emergency flight for trainer Sherry Woodard to bring back some of the most traumatized dogs. Among them is a terrier mix she names Animal, who’s been driven to the brink of madness. Meanwhile Dogtown’s Head Veterinarian Dr. Mike Dix faces a baffling medical mystery: a gentle male dog named Porto suffering from an undiagnosed illness. If Porto’s ever going to find a future home, his condition has to be diagnosed and treated. And two sibling hounds Remington and Ruger have been rescued from a polygamist sect where unwanted dogs are routinely shot. They’re safe in DogTown, but to have any hope of adoption, they have to be split up. Trainer John Garcia has the difficult job of separating two dogs that have only ever lived together.

The special airs on **January 4th, 5th and 6th at 9pm EST and 12:00 a.m. on January 6th and January 11.**

Website: <http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/channel/PT/popup/200801041800.html> Best Friends, go to <http://news.bestfriends.org>

“How to Prepare for a Puppy”

Pour cold apple juice on the carpet in several places and walk around barefoot in the dark.

Wear a sock to work that has had the toes shredded by a blender.

Immediately upon waking, stand outside in the rain in the dark saying, “Be a good puppy, go potty now - hurry up - come on, let’s go!”

Cover all your best clothes with dog hair. Dark clothes must use white hair; light clothes must use dark.

Float some hair in your first cup of coffee in the morning.

Also put some hair in everything that you cook! And in the pots and pans in your cupboards!!

Run out in the snow/rain in your bare feet to close the gate.

Tip over a basket of clean laundry, scatter clothing all over the floor.

Leave your underwear on the living room floor because that’s where the puppy will drag it anyway.....especially when company is coming.

Jump out of your chair shortly before the end of your favorite TV program and run to the door shouting “No, No! Do THAT OUTSIDE!” Miss the end of the program

Put chocolate pudding on the carpet in the morning; don’t try to clean it up until you get home from work in the evening.

Gouge the leg of the dining room table several times with a screwdriver....it’s going to get chewed on anyway.

Have a backhoe come in and dig random giant holes in your yard. Then go out in the early am and step in a few. Try not to break anything.



Reminder Training Classes

Please get your application to Kay Moore for her upcoming classes at Gold Star Kennel in Cadiz before they are full.

Conformation Handling Classes will be taught by Sandy Harman starting Tuesday, February 6th and will run every Tuesday, from February to April at 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 1st dog, \$1 for additional dogs.

Obedience Classes \$65 for 6 week session (Feb.)

Level I Obedience Monday - 6:00 p.m.

Level II Obedience Monday - 7:00 p.m.
This class is geared towards passing the CGC class.

Puppy Kindergarten Tuesday - 6:00 p.m.

Rally Obedience Thursday - 6:00 p.m.

FMI, contact Gold Star Kennel at 740-942-3262.



Kay and Floyd would like to thank the Kennel Club for the wonderful kennel warming gift. Kay says it was the perfect gift, as her grooming towels were reduced to rags.