

The Wet Nose News



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St. Clairsville Ohio Kennel
Club

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The next club meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Ohio Valley Mall Community Room in St. Clairsville.**

The program for the evening will be on Rescue and Transports given by Wendy Tridigo, LuAnn Kennedy and Pam Leitt. Trudy Greco from Airedale Rescue will also speak.

The awards dinner will be held on Thursday, April 3rd. The time and place will be announced at the meeting. Any member who put a title on a dog, attended two meetings and helped with the dog show or match is eligible. Please contact Margie Greco at bwboxer@comcast.net or 695-5026 as soon as possible so she may order the awards in time for the awards night.

Dog Rescue and Transport Program

Every weekend, all over the country, dogs (mixed and purebred) are being rescued from certain death in kill shelters and then driven by dedicated animal lovers to a new life in another state. Sometimes these dogs have already been adopted and just need a ride to get to their new home. Other times they have been accepted by a breed rescue, foster home or a no kill shelter until that perfect human sees them and gives them a second chance at life. None of this would be possible without the transporters - all volunteers who give up their day off and pay their own gas expense to save a life. Most would tell you that they are the ones who benefit the most, by seeing what a difference one person can make to a homeless animal.

Each one of those dogs who gets a second chance at life has a story about how he came to be in need, and the happy ending that came as a result of his journey across the miles.

Wendy, Pam and LuAnn will share some of their stories and experiences with you at the club meeting, along with pictures of dogs they've transported and the stories behind some of those dogs.

IMPORTANT **Dog Show Deadlines Coming Up** **Soon**

Deadlines have snuck up on us. If you are going to donate a trophy item for a particular breed/class, please let Bill Sams or Jessie Coleman know what you will be donating. Clocks will be offered for Groups and stainless steel coffee mugs for breed/class trophies. Please contact (ASAP) Jessie at 304-455-2741 or Bill at 304-455-2582 or email: williamrsams@gmail.com

You may also contact Eloise Wolfson at 695-1932.

News From the Referral Line

by Eloise Wolfson, President

Would you be amazed to know that one of our calls was from Montana?? I was just as surprised as anyone could be when the caller told me he lived at the edge of Glacier National Park in Montana and was grieving for the yellow Lab he had just sent to the Bridge. We had a rather long conversation. The caller was a fifty five year old man who was desperate to find a yellow Lab puppy. He cried several times as he told me stories of his dog who shared his bed every night and was his constant companion by day. He had lived in Ohio years earlier and had talked with a relative who suggested he call us "because they will really try to help you." I was fortunate to be able to put him in contact with the Lab Club and felt sure they would be able to give him a contact closer to him than Ohio.

It was only a day or two later when I had a woman caller from Michigan. She wanted information on a breeder in Cincinnati to whom she had just sent a deposit on a particular breed of puppy and was having second thoughts about reputation and quality. When she told me the whole scenario, I felt she had a reason to be concerned and suggested she contact one of the clubs closer to her. I gave her info on the Detroit K.C. and St. Clair Michigan K.C.

The next really interesting call was from a sheep farmer in a nearby county. He has an eighty acre spread with a tremendous number of sheep and was looking for suggestions for a breed of dog that could be left out with the sheep at all times. He already had added two llamas, but they were not keeping the coyotes away from his flock of "Hair sheep." "What kind of sheep? "Hair sheep." Of course, I had never heard of Hair sheep, so he explained that they do not produce wool and are not sheared. They are very valuable and are raised for meat! We had a very interesting conversation about his sheep and the possibility of acquiring a Komondor or Kuvasz to solve his problem.. (I really hope he gets a Komondor! I just love that breed!!) After I gave him some contact information and we both ended the call, I hit the Internet to find out about "HAIR SHEEP." By golly, there are such things!

Today's memorable call was from an elderly woman who lost her ten year old Brittany three weeks ago, and she just can't stop crying when she thinks about her precious dog. I was able to give her three names from our referral list, but I couldn't guarantee there would be puppies that she could afford. So, if any of you know of a good contact for that breed, I have the lady's name and phone number and have promised to return her call.

Handling Classes

Handling classes have resumed at Gold Star Kennel in Cadiz, Ohio. Classes are every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. (weather permitting). Call Kay Moore for information or directions - 740-942-3262.

Upcoming Dog Shows

March 29th and 30th, 2008
All-Breed Conformation, Obedience and Rally
Western Pennsylvania Kennel Club Association
David L. Lawrence Convention Center
Pittsburgh, PA

Eye Clinic

For those looking for CERF opportunities, there is now a clinic in Akron that has a DACVO on staff. One can make a regular appointment for \$35, or make an appointment for the once a month "clinic", currently held in the evenings, where the fee is \$31.50 for the first dog, and \$21.50 for additional dogs. Contact Eye Care for Animals, 1321 Centerview Circle, Akron Oh. 330-670-1300.

WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME
(Author Unknown)

When tomorrow starts without me,
And I'm not there to see;
The sun will rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me.
I wish so much you wouldn't cry
The way you did today,
Remembering how I'd lay my head
In your lap that special way.
I know how much you love me,
As much as I love you,
And each time that you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too.

But when tomorrow starts without me.
Please try to understand,
That an angel came and called my name
And petted me with her hand.
She said my place was ready,
In Heaven far above,
And that I'd have to leave behind
All those I dearly love.
But, as I turned to heel away,
A tear fell from my eye,
For all my life I never thought
That I would have to die.

I had so much to live for,
So many sits and downs to do,
It seemed almost impossible,
That I was leaving you.
I thought about our lives together,
I know you must be sad,
I thought of all the love we shared,
And all the fun we had.
Remember how I'd nudge your hand,
And poke you with my nose?
The frisbee I would gladly chase,
The bad guy, I'd "bark and hold".

If I could relive yesterday,
Just even for awhile,
I'd wag my tail and kiss you,
Just so I could see you smile.
But, then I fully realized,
That this could never be;
For emptiness and memories
Will take the place of me.
And when I thought of treats and toys,

I might miss come tomorrow,
I thought of you and when I did,
My dog-heart filled with sorrow.

But then I walked through Heaven's gate,
And felt so much at home;
As God looked down and smiled at me,
From His beautiful golden throne.

He said, "This is eternity,
And now we welcome you,
Today your life on earth is past,
But here it starts anew.
I promise no tomorrow,
But today will always last;
For you see, each day's the same day,
There's no longing for the past.
Now you have been so faithful,
So trusting, loyal and true;
Though there were times you did things,
You knew you shouldn't do.
But good dogs are forgiven,
And now at last you're free;
So won't you sit here by my side,
And wait right here with me?"

So when tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart.
For every time you think of me,
I'm right there, in your heart

In Memory of Shaynah
November 27, 1992 to February 29, 2008
Loved by
LuAnn Kennedy and her husband Bill

