

KEY CITY KENNEL CLUB

Puppy Puddles



Monthly Meeting
April 15, 2008
Benco Building Basement
Board Meeting at 6:30pm
Membership Meeting at 7:30pm
Refreshments: Davey's and Otterness's



APRIL 2008

President: Sue Erickson
Vice President: Ron Schulz
Secretary: Melissa Lembke
Treasurer: Lynn Davey

Thanks to Sue Erickson and Jan West for providing refreshments at the February Meeting.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 15, 2007—KCKC Monthly Meeting, Benco Building Basement, Mankato, MN

April 25, 26, 27, 2007 - St Paul Dog Training Club Obedience and Rally Trials, South St Paul, MN

May 2, 3, 4, 2007 - Badger Kennel Club and Janesville-Beloit Kennel Club All-Breed Shows, Obedience and Rally Trials, Jefferson, WI

May 10, 11, 2007 - Minnesota River Valley Kennel Club All-Breed Show, Eagan, MN

May 9, 10, 11, 2007 - Twin Cities Obedience Training Club Agility Trial, Minneapolis, MN

May 24, 25, 2007 - Key City Kennel Club All-Breed Show, Obedience & Rally Trials, St Peter, MN

May 24, 25, 26, 2007 - Bloomington Obedience Training Club Agility Trial, Bloomington, MN

MAY SHOW CAMPING

Attention all campers! It's that time of year again. If you are planning on camping at the May show in St. Peter please let Bruce Davey know as soon as possible. Contacting Bruce by email will work best for reserving camping spots, but if that's not possible, his phone number and address are included also.
email: bed122@myclearwave.net
address: Bruce Davey
47081 Linden Lane
Kasota MN 56050-9730
phone: (507) 934-6616

SNACK VOLUNTEERS

Please note that we still need volunteers for May and October. If you would like to be added to the list, please email Bobbie Nuytten at: copperdogs@live.com or call: (507) 726-2342.

April: Davey's and Otterness's

May: Andrea Bales (AND ???)

June: Brian and Elaine Carstensen and Bobbie Nuytten

July: no meeting, summer picnic

August: Jill Shirley and Joey Heilman

September: Red Dog People (Melissa, Lois, LaDonna)

October: ???

November: Fred and Karin Bock

December: no meeting

ANNUAL CGC TEST

The annual Canine Good Citizen test will be held at the training center on Thursday, May 15, 2007. Helpers and evaluators for the various stations will be needed. Please contact Lynn Davey if you are willing to participate. We need lots of people—experienced and inexperienced to make things go smoothly. Anyone wanting to run their own dog in the test can do so at the beginning and then help with something when they are done. Linda Murray will also be available to test for Therapy Dogs International if you are interested in your dog becoming a therapy dog.





SPRING CLEANING AT THE KCKC TRAINING CENTER

It was a dirty job, but somebody had to do it... spring cleaning at the training center was on Friday, March 28th and Saturday, March 29th. The work consisted mostly of pulling off old mat tape, vacuuming the mats, cleaning and disinfecting the mats, then re-taping. The kennels were also scrubbed out and Bruce worked on getting more lights in the entryway and maintenance on the lights in the main area. Thanks to everyone who helped, even the next generation of club members-to-be, Caleb, Avery, and Matthew! Roxy, Lois, and Caleb came in early on Friday to start the work, then Lynn and Bruce, Sue, Brian and Elaine, Joey, Bobbie and Matt, Neil and Sandy, Pete, Jenny, and Matthew, and Melissa and Avery worked on scrubbing everything clean. Saturday morning the taping group included Brian, Sue, Lynn, Roxy, Simone, Bobbie, and Jan. Thanks for all the hard work everyone - the training center looks, and smells, great!

UPDATE ON RABIES VACCINATION STUDY

A rabies vaccination study, "The Canine Rabies Challenge Study" which was mentioned in the January 2008 Puppy Puddles newsletter has been met by action in several states. Here are updates on some areas that are trying to change their rabies vaccination laws:

Wyoming: Following a 3/22/08 article entitled *Vaccine over-kill?* in the *Wyoming News* by Baylie Davis and inspired by encouraging developments in Kansas, Wyoming dog breeders have contacted Wyoming's Governor, Attorney General as well as the Mayor of Cheyenne imploring the state to adopt the national standard of a 3 year rabies vaccination protocol.

Kansas: Dog owners have started a petition to get annual rabies laws in the state changed to the national 3 year standard. They are planning to have petitions available for dog owners to sign at the upcoming Yappy Days event on March 29th. Activities in Kansas were sparked by a March 18, 2008 article in the *Wichita Eagle* entitled, *Are Annual Shots a Risk for Dogs?* by Diane McCartney.

Also, the city of Wichita is forming an ad hoc committee to review the schedule for rabies vaccinations, Interim Wichita City Manager Ed Flentje announced on Tuesday. The committee will review the latest information on rabies prevention and control and make recommendations, said Kay Johnson, Director of Environmental Services. "The committee will be primarily comprised of local veterinarians and public health officials," Johnson said. "Rabies is a very serious issue and potentially fatal. We want to make sure that people and pets are protected."

THE HEARTACHE OF HEARTWORM DISEASE

From the Spring 2008 *Barking Bulletin*, a PetPartners Inc. Publication

With warmer months upon us, our thoughts turn to enjoying outside activities with our pets. And as you hunt for insect spray for yourself, you might be unaware that mosquitoes can also be a pest for your dog, or even a deadly threat from serious illnesses like Heartworm Disease. But mosquitoes are not only an outdoor threat, they can easily carry larvae from pet to pet indoors as well.

Heartworms are parasites that live in the tissues of infected dogs and work themselves towards the heart and lungs. They can grow up to fourteen inches long and do enough damage to a 'host' pet to cause heart failure and death.

The American Heartworm Society has an excellent web site with useful information about Heartworms and other parasites, such as Roundworms and Hookworms, that can invade your pets and cause health problems. The web site includes a video link with a clear graphical explanation about how mosquitoes transmit the infected larvae between dogs, and what you can do to protect your dog.

www.americanheartwormsociety.org

Treatment for Heartworms is Complicated

One of our own co-workers, Heather, had to face the scare and expense of treating a young Beagle for heartworms. She found the dog wandering hungry and in very poor health in a lonely stretch of South Carolina countryside. Many miles from the nearest house, Heather mercifully scooped up the Beagle and took him home to North Carolina, where Dr. Kevin Monce, of PetSound Animal Hospital in Cary, NC, diagnosed him. The Beagle, whom Heather named Connor, had heartworm disease, with massive heartworms in his heart and lungs, along with other medical issues.

Treatment for Connor's heartworms meant several days in the Animal Hospital, X-rays to diagnose the disease, several types of medication to kill the big worms, and five follow-up examinations to see if the treatment was working. The total bill came to over \$1,200. Today, Connor is strong, healthy and full of energy -- a welcome addition to Heather's family of dogs.

Your veterinarian can prescribe suitable parasite prevention care for your dog. It's important to continue preventive treatments even in the winter in some areas of the country, since mosquitoes can remain active, especially in warmer climates.

Don't let your pet suffer needlessly, make certain you have your veterinarian prescribe the best preventive treatment for your dog.

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FARGO AGILITY TRIAL

The Key City Kennel Club was represented extremely well once again this year at the Fargo Moorhead agility trial. Congratulation to everyone who ran, qualified, and had a great time!

Here are some of the club members who participated at the agility trial: Elaine with Indy, Lois with Murphy, Judy with DD and Fred, Hollie and Freckles, Jen, Roxie with Sara and Remi, Simone with Jack, Andrea and Bailey, Annette with Merlin, Brian with Cosmo, and LaDona and Anni.

Annette even said, "I would have to rank this right up there as one of the most fun agility weekends I have ever experienced...." Sounds like there might be another big group of KCKC agility entries for this trial again next year!

MEMBERSHIP LIST UPDATES

Here are a few updates to the membership list, please add these corrections to your list accordingly:

Simone Holt, address change:
130 Crocus Place
Mankato, MN

Linda Ulman, new email address:
ljuw926@yourstarnet.net

Lois Almendinger, new email address:
lois_almendinger@charter.net

Bob & El Olson, new email address:
roelol@hickorytech.net

EXTRAS

Cold Nose Facts

Dogs are truly amazing creatures! Here are a few anatomy and health facts about our four-legged friends that might surprise you:

Sweat glands in dogs are between their paw pads.

Dogs are left or right 'handed,' just as humans are.

A dog's normal body temperature is between 100.5 to 102.5 degrees Fahrenheit.

Dogs trained to guide the blind cannot tell a red light from a green one. They watch the traffic flow to tell when it is safe to cross.

One of the top canine health problems in the U.S. is overweight dogs.

Dogs instinctively turn around before they lay down because in the wild this action turns long grass into a bed.

The gestation period in a pregnant female dog is normally between 61 and 63 days, but can vary between 58 and 68 days.

Puppies have 28 teeth, while adult dogs have 42 permanent teeth.

Dogs have twice as many muscles for moving their ears as humans.

A dog's heart beats 70 to 120 times per minute, while a human heart beats 70 to 80 times per minute.

The hearing range of a dog is ten times farther than a human's hearing range.

Dogs share nearly 90% of the same genetic content that humans do and they inherit many of the same diseases.

Dogs do not have an appendix or a collarbone.

A dog's nose has over 200 scent receiving cells, 44 times more than humans.

Dogs don't see the colors that humans do but instead see muted colors and many shades of gray.

Most dogs are lactose intolerant.

The Bloodhound is the only animal whose (sniffing) evidence is admissible in an American Court of Law.

A dog's nose is kept moist by fluid from a gland inside his nose. This moisture helps them detect odors.

Dogs and humans are the only animals with prostates.

The average dog's mouth exerts 150 to 180 pounds of pressure per square inch. Some dogs can apply up to 450 pounds. In comparison, a six-foot alligator exerts a force of about 1,540 pounds between its jaws. (Hint: Don't let your dog chase alligators!)



BENCHS PRESENTATION

The BENCHS presentation at the March membership meeting was very informative. Susan Kroon, the board president for the Blue Earth Nicollet County Humane Society told us about the plan changes for the new building, how the facility is being run now, staffing challenges they have been working to overcome, and an overview of the adoption process. Some of the most informational details were about the new BENCHS building that is being planned. The structure has been re-worked from the original plan by a new architect, and the welfare of the animals has been kept as the central focus this time around. The inclusion of various extras, like a pet wash and grooming for the public, have been rethought and only the most necessary and functional ideas have been kept. There were a few differing opinions in the area of pet adoption during the discussion at the March meeting, but Susan communicated that BENCHS is doing the best they feel they can with the staff and funds that are available. Thanks to Gala Beckendorf for helping to make this presentation possible, and thanks also to Susan Kroon for coming and letting us all know what has been changing in our local humane society.

2008 KCKC ALL-BREED SHOW, OBEDIENCE AND RALLY TRIALS

The 2008 KCKC Show will be held May 23, 24 & 25, 2007 at the Nicollet County Fairgrounds in St Peter, MN. For this to be another successful event, we need as many club members to volunteer as possible. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jim Olson (Chief Ring Steward), Neil Schuette (Rally Chair), or Sue Erickson (Obedience Chair) or any Show Committee member.

Hospitality is also asking all club members to bring their favorite desserts to the 4H building on Saturday morning. This will be for our workers and the judges, who have been very appreciative of the many goodies we have given in the past. We don't want them to be disappointed, so please plan to dig out those recipes and bring your most prized dessert.