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Events to Note

Aug. 5 Seminar by Gerianne for BDOC
Sept 15 Newsletter Deadline for the Oct/Nov Issue
Sept. 15-17 BDOC Agility Trial
Oct. 27-29 BDOC Obedience/Rally Trials
Fun Match at Gerianne's: August 6
Show-n-Go's at Companion: Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 22

Notes from exhibitors after our CPE agility trial

Rose:

Thanks for Roxie's results. And thanks for a very pleasant trial, you all ran a very nice event and I really appreciate that.

See ya,
Kathleen

Thank- You for the info for Rigel at the agility trials, I did not write my results down at the trial (ROOKIE) so it was a real treat to get them!! We really enjoyed the week end and had a lot of fun and the setting in the hills was awesome..

Kenny, Gloria, & Rigel

Letter to My Pet

Author Unknown

When I say to move, it means to go someplace else, not to switch positions with each other so there are still two of you in my way.

The dishes with the paw print are yours and contain your food. All other dishes are mine and contain my food. Please note that placing your paw print in the middle of MY plate and food does not stake a claim making it YOUR plate and food.

The stairway was not designed by NASCAR and is not a racetrack. Beating me to the bottom is not the object. Tripping me doesn't help in your quest to reach the bottom first, because I fall faster than you can run.

I cannot buy anything bigger than a king sized bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think that I will continue sleeping on the couch to ensure your comfort.

Dogs and cats actually curl up in a ball when they sleep. It is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to one another, stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out the other end to maximize space is nothing but sarcasm.

For the last time, there is not a secret exit from the bathroom. If

by some miracle I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, meow, try to turn the knob, or get your paw under the

edge of the door and try to pull it open. I must exit through the same door I entered. Honest.

Also, I have been using the bathroom by myself for quite some time --canine or feline attendance is not mandatory.

I can't stress this one enough -- kiss me, THEN go smell the other dog's/cat's behind.

To pacify you, my dear companions, I have posted the following notice on our front door:

Rules for Non-Pet Owners Who Visit and then Complain About Our Pets

1. The pets live here. You don't.
2. If you don't want their hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture.
(That's why it's call "fur"niture.)
3. To you, our pets are just animals. To us, they are an adopted son/daughter who happens to be hairy, walks on all fours and don't speak clearly.
4. Dogs and cats are better than kids because:
 - they don't ask for money all the time
 - they are easier to train
 - they usually come when called
 - they don't hang out with drug-using friends
 - they don't need a gazillion dollars for a college education, and
 - if they get pregnant, you can sell the children.



*As patiently as I know how,
I stand guard by the gate
And wait for you to come back home
So please don't be too late!*

From the President:

BDOC's second annual CPE trial was held on June 2-4. We had a terrific time and were pleased that a new "CATCH" title was earned by an out-of-town exhibitor. Thanks to Bert, Rose, and Linda for organizing this event, and to the club members who helped out that weekend. Next year's trial will be a week later to hopefully not conflict with AKC agility trials in Lawrence and Ames.

Our club picnic was held at Gerianne's on June 30. We had a beautiful evening to enjoy good food and good company. Many new members were in attendance, which is very exciting!

Our next club activity will be a benefit seminar put on by Gerianne (which will be held at her place) on August 5. The cost is only \$35 for club members, so please send in your registration. The times will be 9-5, and you can get a map to Gerianne's at www.sunshineobedience.com Lunch will be available for purchase.

Please be thinking of how you can help out at our obedience trial October 28-29. Contact chairperson Rose at japchinrose@cox.net The board has voted to extend the volunteer voucher system to club members, so you can earn \$ towards your entry for a BDOC event by working at our trials.

Our next club meeting will be a dinner meeting at 7 P.M. on Wednesday, August 23rd, at Valentinos at 132nd and Center in Omaha. The cost will be \$10.49 including tax and tip. Hope to see you all there!

Gerianne

Summer Fun or Dangers

Petplace.com

Summer is a time for block parties, picnics in the park, barbecuing, or just sitting at your favorite stream, with fishing rod in hand and your dog at your side. Whatever you do to kick back this weekend or summer holiday, keep in mind a few concerns regarding your pets, parties and outdoor activities.

Table Scraps

It may be tempting to give your pet all those leftovers to reduce the amount you have to carry home, but try to resist his soulful begging. Instead of reducing baggage, you may cause gastrointestinal upset, which can result in vomiting and diarrhea. Pets are not used to the high fat foods that are commonly associated with picnics and parties. Mayonnaise and other dairy based items can be particularly bad; dogs and cats do not have the necessary enzymes to digest dairy products and spoilage can cause food poisoning. Even if you feed your pet non-dairy items like fried chicken or hamburgers, their pancreas may not be

prepared for those foods. The pancreas can become inflamed, leading to pancreatitis and abdominal pain, anorexia and vomiting.

Not only do table scraps pose a threat but so does the charcoal and lighter fluid used to barbecue. Ingesting ash or charcoal can result in significant stomach irritation.

Gastrointestinal Foreign Bodies

At picnics and parties we use a variety of disposable items, such as styrofoam and plastic utensils. Unfortunately, pets may ingest some of these items, leading to gastrointestinal obstruction. Another concern is playing with small balls such as SuperBalls or racquetballs. Many dogs love to play fetch with these but if they are too small, the ball can become lodged in the throat and obstruct the airway. Make sure the toys you use are too big to be swallowed or stuck in the throat.

Heat Illness

The ideal weather for picnics and outdoor parties is a warm sunny day. Keep in mind that your pet may not be able to dissipate heat as well as you. Avoid exercise in the mid afternoon heat and always have plenty of water available. Stop all play and exercise if your pet seems weak or disoriented.

Water Safety

Water is often a major part of outdoor family activities. Usually water activities are fun, relaxing and entertaining, but tragedy can occur without proper caution. Pets can drown in lakes and pools just like people. Even if your pet seems to want to keep playing fetch in the water, at some point you will need to take a break. Older dogs weaken more quickly, even if they are excellent swimmers, and when he is exhausted swimming and keeping his head above water more becomes more difficult.

Never throw your dog into the pool, assuming he can swim. He could panic and drown before you have the chance to rescue him. If he falls in, he may not be able to climb out by himself, so you should observe pool safety as you would a child.

Swimming in lakes and ponds may not be a good idea for either one of you, unless your local municipality or state government has approved the area for general use. The body of water could contain harmful bacteria or algae. In addition, lakes and ponds may be deeper than they appear, and many have sudden drop-offs that could endanger the both of you.

In the ocean, and in larger bodies of water, be aware of rip currents and undercurrents. Both can carry your dog away from shore, in spite of his best efforts to swim. These currents can quickly tire him out. If you take your dog boating, always put a canine-

approved life jacket on him, in case he falls out.

Be on the lookout for stagnant pools of water. At certain times of the year, algae forms along the edges of stagnant or infrequently used bodies of water. Some forms of this algae, particularly blue-green algae, are very dangerous. Ingesting some of the algae can cause serious, rapid illness and can kill pets. Don't allow your pet near stagnant water or algae, and make sure he doesn't drink from these water sources.

Then there's your pool. Blue, beautiful, without a trace of algae, so it must be safe, right? Think again. If he drinks from the pool, he's absorbing all that chlorine, algacides and baking soda you dumped in to turn your pool from swamp green to sparkling blue. Too much can make him ill.

At the beach, your dog may swallow too much saltwater while romping in the surf. Excessive saltwater can make him quite sick. Sea lice and jellyfish are other concerns to watch out for at the beach. During summer the water warms up as well, spurring the growth of "sea lice," which are microscopic organisms that can cause severe itching. Warnings are usually posted when lice are present in great numbers. However, after swimming in the ocean, you and your dog should rinse thoroughly with fresh water immediately. If you see red bumps, and your dog is scratching furiously, take him to a veterinarian for treatment. Jellyfish can sting your pet, causing extreme pain and swelling. See a veterinarian as soon as possible if your pet has been stung.

Always bring extra water and a bowl for your dog, so he won't be tempted to slake his thirst from a questionable water source.

Dangers of Fireworks

Evening sets and soon the sky is filled with a brilliant display of fireworks. This display can be quite distracting and you may not remember to think of your pet, who may be nearby trembling and looking for a safe place to hide. Loud noises and bright lights can easily frighten your pet, which can cause him to run away. If the display is set off near your pet, he may be hurt by impact injury and burns. Then afterward, the area may be filled with hot ashes and remnants of the fireworks, which can burn your pet's feet and noses. Be very careful when combining pets and fireworks. Keep your pet on a leash and confined, and don't let him investigate. If he becomes frantic, take him somewhere safe and quiet or even go home.

Fishing

The scene of the faithful dog and owner, sitting together on a dock at sunrise, is something right out of a Norman Rockwell painting. But this idyllic scene can come to an end with a common accident:

swallowing the fishhook. There are two types of fishhooks - the treble and single. Treble hooks have three hooks attached together, while a single hook is just what the name implies; just one hook. Bait is placed on the hook to attract fish. Unfortunately, the bait may also attract your pet, especially if you use hot dogs, worms or (believe it or not) stink bait.

If your pet has ingested a fishhook, transport him to your veterinarian immediately. Removing fishhooks can be risky, especially if stuck in the intestinal tract. DO NOT pull the fishing line in an attempt to pull the hook out of the throat. This will result in setting of the hook and increasing the chance that your pet will require surgery to remove it. Removing hooks in the skin can be challenging but may be possible. Cut off the barb end and pull it through. Consult your veterinarian if you are unable to remove the hook.

If your pet is showing any signs of distress or you suspect your pet is seriously ill, CONTACT YOUR VETERINARIAN immediately!



If the Next President Were a Dog

- *Doggy door on oval office
- *At press conferences, instead of "Mr. President," reporters would shout, "Here fella!"
- *Good-bye Whitewater scandal, hello toilet bowl water scandal
- *Washington Monument replaced with hundred-story fire hydrant
- *U.S. might have more coherent foreign policy
- *Public enemy #1: That neutering @\$% Bob Barker
- *Secret service and CIA dispatched to catch that little chuck wagon
- *Country really run by dog's smarter Aussie wife
- *Here's your new national anthem: (videotape of dog barking x-mas jingle)
- *One word: sausage-gate

What is a title?

Submitted by Rose Strasser

Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores, a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial.

It will remain in the record and in the memory for

about as long as anything in the world can remain. And though the dog herself doesn't know or care that

her achievements have been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans where such things count.

A title says your dog was intelligent, adaptable, and good natured.

It says your dog loved you enough to do the things that pleased you, however crazy they may have seemed. In addition, a title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with her because she was a good dog, and that you believed in her enough to give her yet another chance when she failed, and in the end your faith was justified.

A title proves that your dog inspired you to that special relationship, enjoyed by so few, that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved and loved greatly in return. And when that dear, short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend. Volumes of praise in one small set of initials after the name. An obedience, agility or herding title is nothing less than true love and respect, given and recorded permanently.

Safe Weed Killer

- 1 gallon vinegar
- 1 26 oz container table salt
- 1/4 cup dish washing liquid soap

Mix well and spray weeds. Be very careful when spraying as it will kill anything it touches, like your lawn and flowers. However, it will not hurt the dogs.

Rescue Kit

(edited from Pitbull Rescue)

A heart of gold to accept those creatures that don't measure up as "perfect" in the eyes of the rest of the world.

The people skills of a salesperson ... to convince those that are looking for perfection they will find it in a rescue dog if they are willing to look a little deeper.

A heart of steel to be able to say no when there just isn't any more room for just one more dog.

Strong arms and cases of tissues for holding those that must die because there just isn't any other way.

The knowledge you can't save them all and the choice to euthanize is ending the suffering and not the end of the world.

The ability to smile and speak rationally when the 10th person for the day says "I don't want this stupid dog anymore ... take him or I am gonna shoot him."

Some medical knowledge ... or your rescue vet bill will be bigger than the national debt.

The fine art of fund raising ... so your vet bill can be reduced to just under the size of the national debt.

Patience for: breeders who don't care, won't help, turn their backs and say it's not their problem.

Patience for dogs that were incorrectly placed and come to rescue with so much excess baggage you think they will never be adoptable.

Patience for owners who want a quick fix.

Patience for a world that no longer looks at life as a gift or the lives of these animals as nothing short of miracles.

A sense of humor ... because sometimes a smile on your face is the only way to hide the agony and turmoil in your heart.

A husband (or wife) with housekeeping skills that are so outstanding they could be highlighted in Good Housekeeping Magazine ... so you can devote your time to all the rescues and be secure in the knowledge the local Board of Health will not condemn your house. Personal dogs that will tolerate the never ending stream of four legged orphans, waifs and street urchins that will start arriving the moment you say, "I have room."

Children that like being the "token" child to socialize every dog that comes thru the door ... being able to say "good with kids" is a real selling point.

Magician skills so you can change anything that comes thru the door, from blue male with long tail and brown eyes, into Blue longhair female, good with kids, housebroke, crate trained, and obedience trained.

The ability to face the paperwork head-on and deal with it ... or someone you can send it to and say "Here, do something with this mess!"

Grooming skills for those ugly ducklings waiting for their chance to be a swan ... with a little help from you.

[Frosty Paws Dog Ice Cream Recipe](#)

32 oz. plain yogurt

1 mashed banana

2 T p'nut butter

2 T honey

It's true dairy products aren't good for dogs, but yogurt contains much less lactase than regular milk and the live cultures are great for your dog's digestive system. This **dog ice cream** recipe is delicious and good for your pet!

1. Mix all these ingredients in your blender, then dump into ice cube trays, paper cups, or even a kong toy to freeze and serve.

2. If you want to go all out for your pet you can freeze these *homemade frosty paws* just like you would homemade ice cream. A salt-less automatic ice cream maker makes this as easy as using any other appliance in your home and the frosty paws will be ready to serve in 10 minutes.

For the ultimate treat, appropriate for desert at a doggy birthday party, follow steps one and two, then take the mostly frozen dog ice cream product of number two and spread it 1" to 1½" thick on wax paper. Freeze for five minutes and then remove dog ice cream from freezer. Next, use a paw shaped cookie cutter to cut a paw shaped "*frosty paws*", remove ice cream around edges, and return paw shapes to the freezer to freeze solid.

Car Sickness

(from Ask AKC)

There are usually two reasons for car sickness in dogs: either motion sickness affecting

balance or car-related anxiety caused by some fearful aspect of traveling in the car. Regardless of the reason for your pup's puking problems, the main remedy to address the issue is the same, a good desensitization program.

Before we start with the desensitization program, there are a few other steps to take since you don't know whether the pup suffers from motion sickness or car-related anxiety. One reason for motion sickness in young pups is the lack of early handling by humans. Try cuddling her upside down in your lap, pick her up in the air or roll her around on the ground like a log. These small motions a few times a day will mimic what she is exposed to in the car.

Avoid travel in the farthest backseat where there is the most motion. Also, in the backseat pups can only see out the side windows where a whizzing blur of objects creates a fuzzy visual that causes or compounds motion sickness. By moving her closer to the front, say in the middle seat and having her look forward towards the windshield she will see less movement. Another option is to place her in a Vari-Kennel® crate which has solid sides to limit her visibility. If you don't use a crate, remember to use a seat-belt like harness on her while in the middle seat to keep her safe in case of an accident.

As for car-related anxiety, the pup may have associated car travel with bad things happening to her. As a very young pup she might have been taken away from her mother and thrown into a car to go to the vet to get shots which wasn't pleasant. At such a young age a few bad trips can ruin a dog's appeal to a car ride.

Going for a Ride

Start with putting the pup in the car with you for a few minutes a day. Don't turn on the car or drive anywhere, just sit quietly giving praise and gently petting. Another good idea is not to feed the pup six to 12 hours before any planned travel or even sitting in the car. Feed her after the session or travel back in the house. Don't use treats to reward her in the car. This will

only stimulate an already off-balance digestive system.

After a few days sitting in the car, try starting the car and letting it run for a few minutes with her in it. Bring a toy and play with her in the front seat. Make it a happy time. Then shut off the car and exit. Do this for a few days until she shows great enthusiasm for going to the car. The trick here is to progress slowly after she shows no sign of sickness. The next step is to drive up and down the driveway once then stop and exit. Do this for a few days and then maybe try up and down the street. You get the picture. Increase the amount of travel each time she reaches a plateau of not getting sick. If she gets sick then move the process backwards until she is not sick again. By taking one step back to move two steps forward you will progress.

Leader of the Pack

One of the most important things you can do is be a strong pack leader for her. Show her that being in the car is fun and trouble free. Another tactic you can do is to not make a big deal when she does vomit in the car. Do not pull over to clean it up, as this signals her puking will stop the car. By ignoring her and the mess until you are at your destination she will not think anything about it. Then take her out of the car and go back and clean up the mess without the dog in sight. If you get emotionally upset when she is sick in the car, such as yelling, she will begin to associate your emotional unbalance with something being "wrong" with the car.

If she still has problems, or is overly excited in the car, then you may have to take your vet's advice with a mild sedative for car rides. Unfortunately, some dogs never do get over car sickness. But with a young pup and being vigilant about the program you are more than likely to have a successful outcome.

Pack Behavior

Like humans, dogs and wolves have families. For wolves and dogs, these families are called packs.

Summer shows!

In these packs there is always a leader and several followers. When a dog lives in your house, your family becomes his family, or 'pack'.

It is important you let your dog know who the leader is. If he doesn't know, he will try to become the leader. When this happens, a dog may appear pushy and disobedient. By teaching the dog obedience and keeping him occupied, he will realize that a human is the leader and he will follow, instead of lead.



What did the dog say when he got his tail caught in the door?

"It won't be long now!"



He's your partner, your friend, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, and his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion.

The Breed, The Greed, The Deed

The richest dog in America was Toby, a poodle who was left \$15 million by his owner in 1931.

Sadly, the executors couldn't wait to get their paws on the dough, so Toby was hastened to the Great Kennel in the Sky.

Congratulations

To all who

Earned qualifying scores

At the