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Monthly Meeting

**NO MONTHLY MEETING
IN DECEMBER**

Annual Dues are Due

It is that time of year again, and club membership dues are due **by the end of 2020**. The dues are \$15.00/person.

Please send dues to:

Lynn Davey, Treasurer
47081 Linden Lane
Kasota, MN 56050

Remember if your dues are not paid within a timely manner, your membership will cease and you will have to go through the whole membership application process again.

Add to the newsletter!

Please feel free to e-mail your ideas, stories, or pictures to puppypuddlesnews@gmail.com

Monthly Meeting - Coming soon...

In the January 2021 newsletter information will be published to allow club members to attend the general meetings virtually. If the club holds an in-person meeting, virtual will still be an option (it will be a hybrid) if members can't or don't want to physically attend.

You will receive an email on the morning of the meeting as a reminder. This email will also be used as an update if the meeting will be held in person and/or virtually.

Please feel free to call Lori at 507-720-2187, if you have any questions.

Contributions for May Show *(repeat from October)*

It is time to start thinking about the trophies we sponsor for our May All-Breed Show, Obedience, and Rally trials. Please print out the sign up sheet at the end of this newsletter, and along with your money or donation (such as a toy), send it to Lori Espeland at the address listed.

Please note that the deadline is **DECEMBER 19, 2020 - LAST CALL!**. Unfortunately, we cannot have any exceptions because of deadlines imposed by Onofrio for printing premium lists. If your trophy information and payment is not received by the deadline, your name will not be included in the premium list.

If you have any questions, please contact Lori at 507-720-2187 or ratflatdogs@gmail.com

AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award

At our general meeting in February 2020, those attending cast their votes for the next recipient of the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award for 2019. This award is usually presented at our club party in March, which was canceled due to circumstances beyond our control.

Congratulations goes to our newest recipient to be added to our long list, Gladys Berlin.



Training Center and Classes Update

Due to statewide COVID restrictions and keeping our members as safe as possible, the winter training schedule is on hold, and all access to the training center has been suspended.

The board understands that this is unfortunate for those key holders who would like to use the training center, but without the knowledge of who would be using it and when, there is no good way at present to sanitize or follow guidelines between users.

for additional information on class times please refer to the class schedule pages on the KCKC website:
<http://www.keycitykennelclub.org>

Winter Holiday Pet Hazards

Most of us are experienced pet owners, but it never hurts to have a reminder of the dangers of the season related to our furry family members!

Holiday Hazards

Winter holidays are a wonderful time to enjoy being with family and friends. But with all the extra hustle and bustle, you may forget to abide by the same pet-proofing measures you follow the rest of the year. Here is a list of holiday pet safety hazards that you should be aware of to help keep your pet safe and happy through this holiday season.

1. Chocolate

As tasty as chocolate can be for us, it can be plenty dangerous for our pets. Worse yet, there are many seemingly innocuous forms of chocolate that pets can get into during the holidays—chocolate coins, baking chocolate morsels, and even chocolate-covered espresso beans and macadamia nuts can dispense an unhealthy dose of methylxanthines to pets.

Cats, it's important to note, can also be adversely affected if they ingest chocolate. But Dr. Justine Lee, board-certified veterinary specialist in emergency critical care/toxicology, points out that most cats have no interest in it. In fact, over 90 percent of chocolate toxicity calls to the Pet Poison Helpline are for dogs.

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2. Alcohol

It's highly unlikely that any of your household guests would dare to give your pet a sip of their alcoholic drink, but they may not think twice about a piece of rum cake. Pets may also inadvertently become poisoned if they eat any unbaked bread dough.

Once ingested, Dr. Lee says, "the stomach acts as an artificial oven that basically metabolizes the yeast [from the unbaked dough] into ethanol and carbon dioxide." This can then cause the animal to bloat from the excess carbon dioxide and suffer from alcohol poisoning from the ethanol.

3. Grapes (and Raisins)

Grapes and raisins are also common pet safety hazards for pets during the holidays. Any candied raisins found in fruit cake, yogurt-covered raisins or grapes found on appetizer platters could spell bad news for your pet.

"The other reason we get a lot of [grape and raisin poison] calls, Dr. Lee says, "is because holidays are a time when family [and friends] visit—and they are sometimes unaware that grapes and raisins are poisonous to dogs and cats."

4. Medications

You may be a stickler when it comes to pet-proofing your house for holidays with pets, but once the holiday guests arrive, that all goes out the window. Traveling household guests often leave open suitcases on the ground, where pets can easily get into prescription medications.

Suddenly you have a pet that can get into 20 different medications all at once. Over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol can be equally dangerous to pets. If you think your pet ingested any medications or supplements, call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Poison Control (888) 426-4435 right away.

5. Xylitol

It may sound like some exotic instrument, but xylitol is a sugar substitute found in some sugar-free candies, gum and recipes. Recently, xylitol is being included in more and more sugar-free products, **including peanut butter!** When ingested by pets, xylitol may cause vomiting, loss of coordination, seizures, and in severe cases, liver failure.

6. Plants

While mistletoe and holly are mainstays when it comes to winter holiday plants, these are also two of the more toxic holiday plants to pets, causing severe gastrointestinal disorders, breathing difficulty, even heart failure in extreme cases.

The dangers of poinsettias, on the other hand, are overhyped, in Dr. Lee's opinion. Of course, while they are not safe for your pet, often the worse that happens to a dog or cat that ingests a small portion of the poinsettia is a bit of mild indigestion. However, you should still use caution, especially around puppies and kittens.

7. Holiday Ornaments and Decor

Although not poisonous, many ornaments have sharp edges that can cause perforations and lacerations to pets that try to chew on the decorations. We wouldn't dare ask you to strip the house of all the joy that holiday ornaments can bring, but please safeguard them for the sake of your pet's safety during holidays with pets. This includes all tinsel or tinsel-like decor that could be ingested and wrap itself around the intestines or ball up in the stomach.

8. Electrical Cords

Winter holidays bring with them plenty of connected devices—lights, lights, and more lights—along with the electrical cords and outlets needed to power these devices. Curious puppies and kittens are especially intrigued by the exposed wiring, Dr. Lee says, and are therefore most in danger of the burns or fluid accumulation in the lungs associated with electrical shocks. Take care where you place electrical cords and outlets, and when possible, place them out of reach from your pets, tape them down or cover them in protective casing.

Be Prepared

While spending holidays with pets can be wonderful and enjoyable, it is always important to be mindful of these pet safety concerns. With a little common sense and a lot of preparation, you can minimize the dangers.

One of the most important aspects of being prepared is knowing what to do if an emergency should occur. Dr. Lee has some advice for that as well. "I always tell people to preprogram the contact numbers for your veterinarian, nearest emergency hospital and the Pet Poison Helpline, (888) 426-4435."

November Newsletter error

In the listing of new award plaques for 2019 in the November newsletter there were two missing entries from Melissa McIntyre - congratulations Melissa!

Linea: New 2019 AKC titles: RM, RAE2, SIN SCN SEN

GSDCA Nat'l HIT UWP UCD URO2 UAG2 Int CH UGRCH H'Linea von Holtgrew BH CDX BN RM RAE2 SIN SCN SEN CA HIC TKI THDN NW2 LIC LIV DOG RATN OV TC TDI CGCA

Linea has been a truly fun and amazing dog to work with these last 7 years... she has given me 4 beautiful litters and earned 40 titles, even a High in trial at Nationals!! she is a joy to have as my service dog and she enjoys helping others as a therapy dog too.

2019 National Rankings:

Rally Dog of the Year #5

Rally Masters #9

Rally Excellent B #7

Rally Dog of the Year (Midwest)

Arya: New 2019 AKC titles: BN RN RI TKN CGCA

E'Arya vom Wenner Haus BN RN RI SIN SEN TKN CGCA

2019 National Rankings:

Beginner novice B #4

Rally novice B #8

Rally intermediate #4

MAY SHOW CONTRIBUTIONS
ABSOLUTE DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 19, 2020

If you would prefer your donation to go towards a specific breed,
please indicate it on the line below.

BREED OF DOG _____

Donated By: _____

Special Donation (non-monetary items): _____

Please choose the day/days you would like to donate for: Saturday Sunday

CONFORMATION

Donation Group: \$20.00_____

BOB \$10.00_____

BOW \$10.00_____

BOS \$10.00_____

WD \$5.00_____

WB \$5.00_____

Best Owner Handler Donated Prize: _____ (Saturday Only)

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

There are no specific amounts dedicated to these classes. Classes are as follows:

Novice Junior

Novice Intermediate

Novice Senior

Open Junior

Open Intermediate

Open Senior

Master Class

Best Junior Handler

Reserve Junior Handler

If you wish, please indicate which class/classes you would like to sponsor and how much you would like to donate. Please make checks payable to: Key City Kennel Club. Please send this form along with your payment to:

Lori Espeland
821 E 2nd St. N.
Truman, MN. 56088
ratflatdogs@gmail.com

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OBEDIENCE

For First in each Regular class: \$20.00 (Circle those you wish to donate to)

Beginner Novice A or B Novice A or B Graduate Novice Graduate Open

Open A or B Utility A or B Preferred Open Preferred Utility

RALLY

For First in each Regular class: \$20.00(Circle those you wish to donate to)

Novice A or B Intermediate Advanced A or B

Excellent A or B Masters

OBEDIENCE and/or RALLY PRIZES: \$10.00

____ Highest Scoring Dog Highest Combined Score: Obedience (Open B & Utility B)

____ Highest Combined Score: Rally (Advanced B & Excellent B)

____ Triple Qualifying Score: Rally (Advanced B & Excellent B & Master)

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