



PUPPY PUDDLES NEWS

WE TEACH YOU TO TEACH YOUR DOG

Monthly Meeting

- Jan 21, 2014
Benco Building
Board Meeting — 6:30PM
Club Meeting — 7:30PM

Refreshments

- Jan — Ron/Kin Hansen &
Need Someone
- Feb — David Johnson &
Need someone
- Mar — Penny Helgerson &
Karen Byron

Important Dates

- Jan 18 — KCKC Party
- Jan 21 — Meeting
- Jan 30 — Dues Past Due
- Feb — KCKC at the library
- Feb 23 — Holiday Party

Your Contributions

Please feel free to e-mail your ideas, stories or pictures to me and I will try my best to incorporate them. Lets work together to make this a great newsletter!

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Dog Training

Good Cheer

A sympathy card was sent out to Harlan Bloomer who recently lost his 10 year old Great Dane, Ernie. Harlan all of us here at Key City Kennel Club send you big hugs and sympathy in your lose. We all know how you are feeling as we've all been there for our pets at the crossing of the Rainbow Bridge. If there is anything we can help with or you just need someone to give you a hug, please ask. We know Ernie will be missed, but you know he had a wonderful full live with you

If any club member knows of anyone needing Good Cheer please contact Elaine at following:

Email: flapjack@hickorytech.net

KCKC At The Library

The date for KCKC at the library is February 8th this year. We will be using the auditorium for training demos. All members are welcome to bring their dogs to a meet and greet held for the public in the main area of the library from 10am to 1pm.

There are 3 display boxes available if anyone would like to create a display to educate the public on things our club offers or even basic care of dogs. Displays are up Feb 1st to Feb 28th, or as close as possible to those dates. Readers are needed for Tuesdays' 10:30AM children's story hour that goes on all month. It is best to have two handlers and two dogs per story hour.

Please contact Kathy Nelson for further information.

Email: bknelson1@hickorytech.net

Phone: (507) 317-6968

Officers

President — Jim Olson

Vice President — Pete Otterness

Secretary — Megan Hancock

Treasurer — Lynn Davey

KCKC Holiday Party

This year's holiday party will be held on January 18. Please RSVP to Lynn in advanced so that we can get a head count. The dinner will be \$10 per person, and money should be paid upon RSVP.

A Raffle will be held again this year, so please bring items to donate. There will be discussion at the January meeting about where the money from the raffle will be donated. Also, be sure to bring your photos for the annual photo contest.

This year's holiday party theme will be A Night in Tuscany. The menu is as follows:

- Chicken breast with sauce
 - Sausages with pepper
 - Meatballs and Pasta
 - Green Salad
 - Fruit Salad
 - Mozzarella Balls
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- Appetizers should be brought by members who's last name starts with the letter A-M
 - Desserts should be brought by members who's last name starts with the letter N-Z

Member Address Change

Elizabeth L. Johnson
P.O. Box 60
222 South Murphy St.
Lake Crystal, MN 56055
Phone: [507-726-4753](tel:507-726-4753)

Soft Sided Crate For Sale

Lynn Davey has a gently used 36 X 23 X 27 soft sided crate for sale. The crate normally goes for 90-100 dollars new. She is asking \$45. Please contact her if you are interested.

Dues Are Over Due

It is that time of year again, and club membership dues were due by the end of 2013. The dues are \$15.00 and if you haven't paid, please do so before 1/30/2014. If you do not get your dues in by 1/30/2014 you may need to re-apply for club membership

Please send dues to:

Lynn Davey, Treasurer
47081 Linden Lane
Kasota, MN 56050

Books Needed

Wanting to establish an area volunteer R.E.A.D. (Reading Education Assistance Dogs) program, I found enthusiastic support at Wellcome Manor Family Services. Story Time on Saturday mornings is for children four to seven years of age. Each child can earn a weekly participation sticker. Five stickers and the child earns an age appropriate book of their own.

Older children, reading age, have the opportunity for individual reading time. This is an enrichment activity with either therapy dog April or JJ, registered R.E.A.D. dogs. Five participation stickers and the child earns a book to keep.

The high school at Garden City has been refurbished into Wellcome Manor Family Services (WMFS), a substance abuse treatment center for women. WMFS is a residential facility where children to age ten can stay with their mothers.

We need books. If you have gently used, or new, children's books suitable for ages four to twelve and would like to donate them, a box will be provided on the benches inside the Key City Kennel Club door.

Submitted by Jeanne Epp

Article Excerpt

Early Spay-Neuter Considerations for the Canine Athlete: One Veterinarian's Opinion

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Those of us with responsibility for the health of canine athletes need to continually read and evaluate new scientific studies to ensure that we are taking the most appropriate care of our performance dogs. This article reviews scientific evidence that, taken together, suggests that veterinarians and owners working with canine athletes should revisit the current standard protocol in which all dogs that are not intended for breeding are spayed and neutered at or before 6 months of age.

Orthopedic Considerations

- Bitches spayed at 7 weeks had significantly delayed closure of growth plates.
- Several studies have shown that spayed and neutered dogs have a significantly higher prevalence of CCL
- Rupture
- Spayed/neutered dogs had 3.1 times higher incidence of patellar luxation

Cancer Considerations

- Spayed females had more than 5 times greater risk than intact bitches of developing cardiac hemangiosarcoma and neutered males had 1.6 times higher risk than intact males had of developing cardiac hemangiosarcoma
- Neutered dogs had a 2.8 times greater risk for developing any prostate tumor than intact dogs
- In a survey of 2505 Vizslas, spayed or neutered dogs were found to have a significantly higher risk of mast cell cancer, hemangiosarcoma, lymphoma and all cancers together than intact dogs

Behavior Considerations

- Early age gonadectomy was associated with an increased incidence of noise phobias and undesirable sexual behaviors, such as mounting.(24)
- Significantly more behavioral problems in spayed and neutered bitches and dogs, with fearful behavior being most common in spayed bitches and aggression in neutered dogs.(25, 26)
- In a prospective study, German Shepherd Dogs spayed between 5-10 months of age had significantly increased reactivity.

Preventing Procreation

If we leave the gonads intact, how can we prevent the production of unwanted dogs? For *males*, the obvious solution is to keep them away from bitches in heat. But if an owner needs more certainty that a dog will not be bred, the answer is to perform a vasectomy. One possible disadvantage is that vasectomy does not prevent some unwanted behaviors associated with males such as marking and humping. On the other hand, females and neutered males frequently participate in these behaviors too. Training is the most effective solution to these behaviors. Another potential issue is finding a veterinarian who can perform the procedure. Veterinary schools do not currently teach students how to perform vasectomies. However, the methodology has been described and any board-certified surgeon can learn the technique. For a list of veterinarians who will perform the technique, contact the author at mczink@caninesports.com.

In females, the issues are more complex, because having a bitch in heat is inconvenient and leaving the uterus intact substantially increases the risk of pyometra. One solution might be to perform a hysterectomy, leaving the ovaries intact. Unfortunately, the effects of this technique on female dogs have never been studied. My current recommendation for performance dogs is to have them go through at least two heat cycles before spaying.

The whole article can be found at:

http://www.caninesports.com/uploads/1/5/3/1/15319800/spay_neuter_considerations_2013.pdf