

PUPPY PUDDLES NEWS

WE TEACH YOU TO TEACH YOUR DOG

Monthly Meeting

- April 21, 2015
KCKC Training Center
Board Meeting — 6:30PM
Club Meeting — 7:30PM

Refreshments

- Apr — Bev Cox, Karen Byron & Penny Helgerson
May — Sue Erickson & Megan Hancock
June — Pat Hooey & Joey Heilman

Thank you Davis' & Otterness' for the wonderful refreshments at the previous meeting!

Important Dates

- May 2—Key Cities Conservation Club ~ Youth Day
- May 22, 23, 24 — KCKC All-Breed Show, Obedience and Rally Trials

Your Contributions

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

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Dog Training



KCKC May Show

We have two major commitments every year. The agility trial in August and now the conformation show coming up Memorial Day weekend which is May 22nd, 23rd, and 24th.

Your club needs you. Please, don't wait to be contacted! Contact one of the following committee chairs and volunteer. Most jobs are not hard and we always have someone to help you get started. Yes, we work, BUT we have lots of fun, good friendships and always have great food to eat!

Bruce Davey for Gates, Camping and Grounds
Kathy Wherley for Conformation
Sue Erickson for Obedience
Gladys Berlin for Rally

Officers

President — Jim Olson
Secretary — Megan Hancock

Vice President — Pete Otterness
Treasurer — Lynn Davey

Key Cities Conservation Club ~ Youth Day

KCKC will be setting up a table at Key Cities Conservation Club's 13th annual youth day at the club grounds near Madison Lake, MN, on May 2, 2015 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. We are in need of members with their dogs to be there.

Please contact Jim Olson at bridgest@hickorytech.net or via phone at 507-388-3836 if you are available to be there.

AKC S.T.A.R. Puppies

Congratulations to last KCKC obedience sessions' qualifying puppies and their owners!

- Christine Olmanson and Maddie (Jack Russell Terrier)
- Michael Moll and Sadie (GSD)
- Darla with Jaclynn Chambers and Darla (Springer Spaniel)
- Natalie Sabol and Izzy (All American Breed)

IABCA Original European style International All Breed Dog Shows to be held:

- **Date:** May 2 & 3, 2015
- **Location:** McLeod County Fairgrounds
- **Address:** 840 Century Ave SW, Hutchinson, MN 55350
 - Facility Type: Indoor, Rubberized Floors
 - Air-Conditioned/Heated
 - Building open at 12:00p on Friday for exhibitor set-up.
- **Closing Date:** April 25, 2014 at 6pm Pacific
 - You may enter show online at www.iabca.com

Good Cheer

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

Email: flapjack@hickorytech.net

Cell phone: 507-327-5616

Address: 53001 174th Lane Garden City, MN56034

A sympathy card was sent out to Roxie Eaton who lost Sara. Roxie take comfort in knowing we all send you hugs and our sympathy in your loss.

Sara had a wonderful and fulfilling life in your care all the way till the last day of her long life.



Agility Volunteer Coordinator Needed

Attention KCKC Members:

After 2 years of wonderful service Lynn Davey has decided to give up the Volunteer Coordinator position for our Agility Trial. I am in search of a new Volunteer Coordinator to set up Volunteers to fill the rings at the Agility Trial. It will be easier this year as we are going down to one judge and 2 rings so we will only need to be filling one ring at a time with volunteers. If you are interested in helping the club with this much needed position please contact me and I will be happy to fill you in and let you know how everything is done. You can reach me through EMAIL—flapjack@hickorytech.net—OR—PHONE—507-327-5616. Thank you—Elaine Carstensen—KCKC Agility Trial Chair.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Key City Kennel Club Agility Trial is changing weekends. This year our Agility Trial will be held on August 28, 29, 30

Will be a little warmer for everyone and hoping for rain free. We will love to have everyone turn out and help where you are able.

We are excited for the change and hope we have a wonderful turnout.

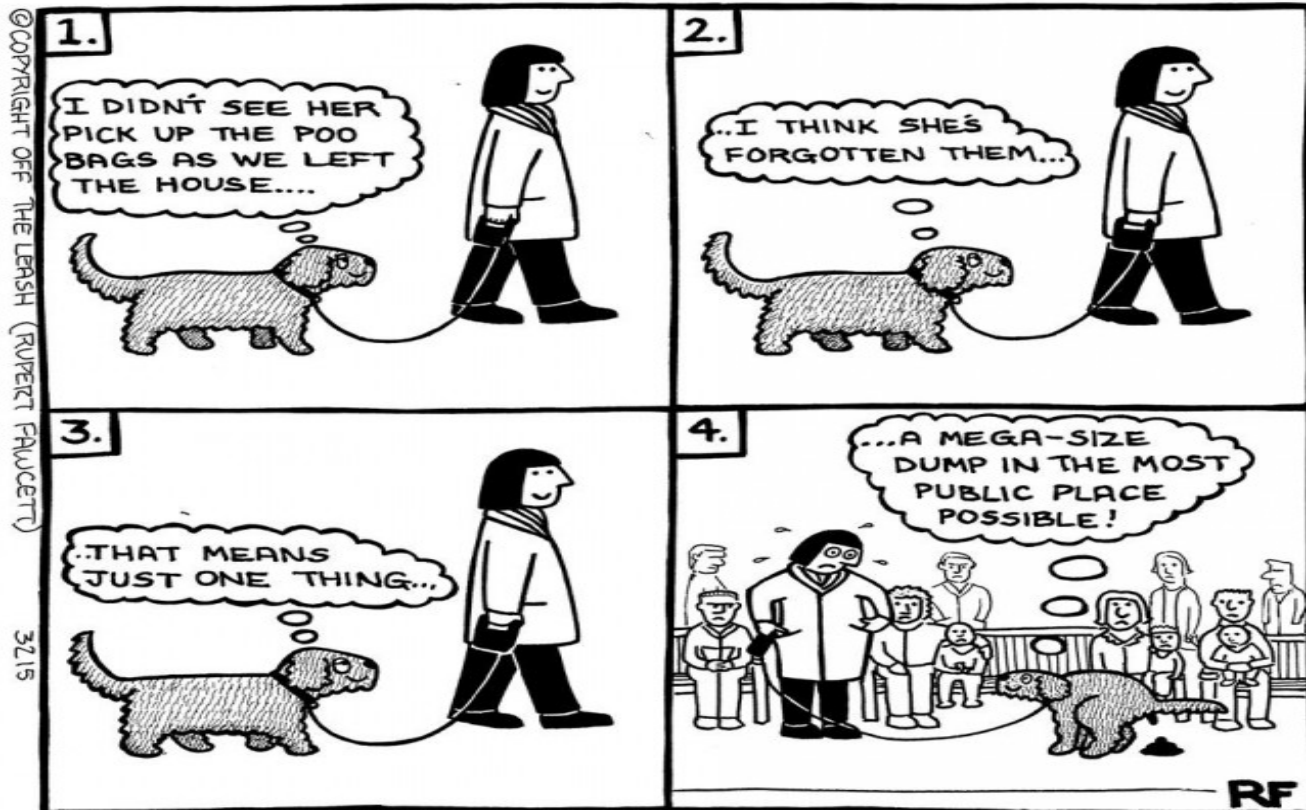
Library Volunteer Coordinator Needed

Attention KCKC Members:

After many years of coordinating volunteers for the Blue Earth County Library; (each February); Kathy Nelson is looking to turnover the coordinators position.

This position includes contacting the appropriate people at the library, lining up volunteers to set up display boxes, and line up volunteers to read to the children at story time.

If you are interested in this position, you may contact Kathy Nelson @ 507-726-6571 or via email—bknelson@hickorytech.net



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Heartworms

For Dogs and Cats

- **Easy Cheese.** If you have trouble getting your dog or cat to take heartworm pills, place the pill in the palm of your hand, smother it with Easy Cheese (from an aerosol can), and let your dog or cat lap up the cheese, oblivious to the fact that he has also consumed the pill.
- **Heinz Apple Cider Vinegar.** Mosquitoes spread heartworms, so eliminating swarms of mosquitos lowers the possibility of infection. Fill a large bowl with Heinz Apple Cider Vinegar and set it outside. Mosquitos, attracted to the sweet smell of the apple, drown in the vinegar.
- **Ivory Dishwashing Liquid.** One teaspoon of Ivory Dishwashing Liquid per gallon of water in rain barrels and other pools of still water kills any developing mosquito larvae.
- **Jif Peanut Butter.** If your dog or cat refuses to eat heartworm pills, put Jif Peanut Butter on a cracker and bury the pill in it. The pet, will be unable to separate the pill from the peanut butter, will devour the nightly snack.
- **Land O Lakes Butter.** If you're having difficulty getting a pill down your dog or cat's throat, coat the pill with Land O Lakes Butter so it slides down.
- **Pam Cooking Spray.** A bite from an infected mosquito passes parasitic heartworms to dogs and cats. You can reduce the risk of infection by reducing the mosquito population in your yard. Mosquito eggs, larvae, and pupae incubate in still water. Eliminating pools of still water helps reduce the proliferation of mosquitoes. If you can't drain pools of still water from fountains, birdbaths, or holes in large tree trunks, spray the water surface with a fine coat of Pam Cooking Spray. The vegetable oil smothers any developing mosquito larvae.
- **Philadelphia Cream Cheese.** To get your dog or cat to take heartworm pills, bury the pills in a spoonful of Philadelphia Cream Cheese and free it to your pet.
- **Skin So Soft.** The bath oil also happens to double as the best mosquito repellent available, according to the *Outdoor Life, Field and Stream*, and "Dear Abby." Put one tablespoon Skin So Soft Bath Oil in a sixteen-ounce trigger-spray bottle and fill with water. Shake well, and then spray on your pet to keep mosquitoes away.
- **Star Olive Oil.** To drive away the mosquitoes that spread heartworm, add a few drops of Star Olive Oil to the puddles of still water around your yard, until a fine film of oil coats the surface. The oil slick will smother any developing mosquito larvae.
- **Wesson Vegetable Oil.** Another nontoxic, biodegradable oil you can use to eradicate developing mosquito larvae in puddles of water around your yard is Wesson Vegetable Oil. Simply add a few drops to coat the water surface with a thin skin of oil.

GET YOUR PET TO THE VET

Don't eat your heart out! Heartworms cause coughing, rapid breathing, fatigue, and weight loss. If you notice these symptoms in your pet, take her the veterinarian for immediate treatment.

PET PEEVES: HAVE A HEART

- Just like their name suggests, heartworms are parasitic worms living in the right side of the heart and the arteries of the lungs of dogs, cats, and other mammals. The disease can be fatal.
- Mosquitoes spread heartworms by taking blood from one infected animal and then biting another animal.
- The American Heartworm Society recommends year-round preventative heartworm medication by daily or monthly pills, monthly topical treatments, or a six-month inoculation. Have your pet tested for heartworms by a veterinarian before administering any heartworm medication. Giving preventative heartworm medication to an infected pet can imperil the animal.
- To prevent mosquitoes from getting into your home, install tight-fitting window and door screens.
- Heartworms can grow up to eleven inches long.

Excerpt from *Joey Green's Amazing Pet Cures*