

KEY CITY KENNEL CLUB



Puppy Puddles

May 2010



President: Jim Olson - Vice President: Pete Otterness - Secretary: Melissa Lembke
Treasurer: Lynn Davey

Monthly Meeting

May 18, 2010
Benco Building
Board Meeting 6:30
Membership Meeting 7:30



Refreshments

May: Roxie Eaton and Andrea Bales
Thank you to Connie Timmerman, Shannon Lloyd
and Lori Espeland for the wonderful refreshments at
the April meeting.

WELCOME TO KEY CITY KENNEL CLUB

The Kennel Club would like to welcome Kathleen Wherley as a new member. Kathleen's application was voted on at the April meeting and approved for membership.

2010 KCKC ALL-BREED SHOW, OBEDIENCE AND RALLY TRIALS

The 2010 KCKC Show will be held May 29 & 30, once again at the Nicollet County Fairgrounds in St. Peter, MN. For this to be another fantastic trial, we need as many club members to volunteer as possible. If you have not yet been contacted yet, but 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. Our events are such a success because of the help and dedication from our members!

Also, please bring your 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 18, 2010 – KCKC Monthly Meeting, Benco Building Basement Mankato, MN

May 20, 2010 – Canine Good Citizen and Therapy Dog Testing at the KCKC Training Center

May 29, 30, 2010 – KCKC All Breed Show, Obedience and Rally Trial, St. Peter, MN

SUMMER CLASS SCHEDULE

The summer class schedule is up on the website www.keycitykennelclub.org. If you are interested in taking a class, be sure to let Lynn know as soon as possible. Classes are filling up fast. They start the week of June 7, 2010.



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PET HEALTH BULLITEN

Credit for all text goes to Nicollet Veterinary Clinic

WARM WEATHER PARASITES

Besides the usual monthly heartworm pills, dog owners have more options than ever. If tapeworms are a problem, the **Iverhart Max** tablet provides monthly tapeworm treatment and costs less than a dollar more. **Advantage Multi** is a topspot that prevents fleas and heartworm, and offers exceptional intestinal worm control every month. **Frontline** continues to be a popular treatment for ticks and fleas. **Advantage** and **Frontline** will not wash off.

LEPTO IS BACK

Last summer there were some dogs that became very sick with Leptospirosis. Lepto vaccine was feared for many years, and the disease was not viewed as a major threat to pets, but now its incidence has increased across the state. New vaccines are safer, more effective, and include more serovars. The bacteria is passed in the urine of wildlife (rodents, deer, raccoons, etc) and likes wet places like lakes, rivers, drainage ditches, and swamps. Dogs may develop only mild flu-like symptoms or Lepto can progress to severe kidney and liver disease. Leptospirosis is one of the most common zoonotic (transmitted from animals to humans) disease in the world.

DENTAL HEALTH IS HUGE

Pet health surveys indicate dental disease and obesity as the top two health problems in pets. The bottom line...gum infection dumps bacteria into the blood stream which end up in the heart and kidneys, causing premature aging of these organs. While owners often fear the idea of anesthesia which is necessary to clean their pet's teeth, untreated dental disease kills many, many more pets than anesthesia. For senior pets NVC loves Sevoflurane gas, it is very fast acting and fast waking up, and requires minimal injectable drugs so the patient recovers very quickly. **Pulse Antibiotic Therapy (PAT)** is also very popular with patients for dental health. Antibiotics (oral capsules) are given once a day for only five days to kill bacteria that cause gum infection. Frequency of PAT varies from every month to every three months, depending on how soon mouth odor and gum infection returns. **Porphyromonas Dental Vaccine** has become a favorite with the NVC staff. Vaccinated animals have less gum disease and they see longer intervals between dental visits. NVC recommends this vaccine for dogs with a history of early onset of dental disease and dogs with pedigrees exhibiting dental disease.

EMS has introduced trained service dogs to help cut costs.

Canines have been used for police work, search & rescue, tracking, service dogs, and a variety of other tasks. Now they're assisting EMS and doing so at a much lower cost. See the example below...



Breathe, damn you, breathe!



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AGENDA: BOARD MEETING, APRIL 2010

- I. Approve minutes of March meeting
- II. Report of Secretary
 - A. Correspondence
 - B. Applications for membership
- III. Reports of Committees
 - A. Treasurer
 - B. Training
 - C. Building Committee
- IV. Unfinished Business
- V. New Business
- VI. Recess meeting
- VII. Adjourn meeting

AGENDA: GENERAL MEETING, APRIL 2010

- I. Introduce Guests
 - II. Approve minutes of March Meeting
 - III. Report of the President
 - A. Board discussion and action
 - IV. Report of the Secretary
 - A. Correspondence
 - B. Applications for membership
 - V. Good Cheer Fund
 - VI. Report of the Treasurer
 - VII. Reports of Committees
 - A. AKC Delegate
 - B. Training
 - VIII. Unfinished Business
 - IX. New Business
 - X. Adjourn Meeting
- BRAG BOX
DESSERT

GOOD CHEER CORNER

Submitted by Elaine Carstensen

A sympathy card was sent to Pete and Jenny Otterness in the loss of Pete's father. A memorial was sent to the Multiple Sclerosis Society in the amount of \$25.00. Pete and Jenny, our sympathy goes out to you and your family. Pete, know your Dad is now enjoying life in a new body which is not sick and tied down in this world. You will see him again and know his joy.

A sympathy card was sent to Dave and Jan Richards at the sudden loss of their dog Jurnee. Please know how many hearts ache at your loss and have cried tears when the sad news reached our ears. May you find comfort in the friends around you and remember your wonderful Jurnee with smiles in the future.

Bruce Davey's father passed away in early May. A sympathy card was sent along with a memorial from the Club. Bruce and Lynn, our sympathies go out to you and your family on this loss. May you find comfort in the good memories you have and know that your friends out here care and are here for you whenever you may need us.

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

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