

# Puppy Puddles News

WE TEACH YOU TO TEACH YOUR DOG

## **Monthly Meeting**

• June 17, 2014

Benco Building

Board Meeting — 6:30PM

Club Meeting — 7:30PM

### Refreshments

Jun — Elaine Carstensen & Gladys Berlin

Jul — N/A

Aug — Joey Heilman &

Patty Hooey

Thank you to Dawn Blaine and Jim and Sharon Olson for the wonderful refreshments at the previous meeting!

## **Important Dates**

June 14th — Bark For Life

#### **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!



## **Dog Training**

### **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 Canine Event To Fight Cancer**

The American Cancer Society is holding its annual Bark For Life mini relay June 14th at Ray Erlandson Park. This ACS fundraising event honors the care giving qualities of our canine best friends.

The Bark For Life walk will include giveaways, music, and contests. Doggie clean-up bags and water stations will be provided. Registration is \$25.

Where: Ray Erlandson Park, Mankato

When: June 15th

**<u>Time:</u>** Event Starts at 9:30AM, Closing Ceremony at 11AM

## **Officers**

President — Jim Olson Vice President — Pete Otterness

Secretary — Megan Hancock Treasurer — Lynn Davey

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### **Summer Picnic**

July is just around the corner, and that means that the annual Key City Kennel Club summer picnic is fast approaching. The club will be providing chicken, but everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass along with their own beverages. Also, plan on bringing your own chairs to sit in. Family members (four legged and two legged) and guests are welcome. Watch for the flyer at the beginning of July for more information!

What: Key City Kennel Club Annual Picnic

When: Tuesday July 15th (in place of the usual monthly

meeting)

### **Summer Temperatures**

As we begin to get into the thick of summer we need to keep in mind that the car can be a deadly place for our beloved pooches. Summer heat is intensified by the metal roofs of our vehicles. Even a cracked window may not be enough to keep the sweltering temperatures at bay.

When it is 75 degrees out it only takes 10 minutes for the inside of your car to reach 100 degrees, and it takes only 30 minutes to reach temperatures of 120 degrees.

An outside temperature of 85 causes the inside of the car to reach 100 degrees in only 8 minutes.

So, next time you decided to take a road trip with your dog, check to make sure it wont be too hot if you need to exit the car.

## May Show Obedience & Rally Brags

Congratulations to KCKC members and their dogs who trialed at our May show.

- DeeDee Kuhl & Lily earned BN and RN titles with all red and blue ribbons!
- Penny Helgerson & Klancey Marie earned a RN leg
- Melissa McIntyre & Ceyla earned leg #8 of 10 for RAE
- Karen Byron & Winston finished RN, got 1st leg in RA and 1st leg for their CD
- Jan West & Brie finished BN and RN
- Rita Heller & Jax got a RA leg
- Lynn Davey & Peggy earned their CD and 2 legs in RA

### **Kettle Moraine All Breed Show**

The Kettle Moraine Kennel Club will be hosting their All Breed show June 27th—29th. The event will be held at the Washington County Fairgrounds in West Bend WI.

Friday evening will have a fund raiser dinner for the Keep Your Pets Inc organization. Dinner will be \$8-12 and the menu can be found at their website.

Sunday is slated to be a Puppy Extravaganza Daw with a 4-6month puppy class and a 6-12 month group.

Seminars will also be available, early registration is recommended for these.

For more information visit the following web address: www.kettlemorainekc.org

### Dogs Reduce E. Coli On Beaches

Every year high E. coli levels shut down hundreds of beaches around the world. While the prevalence of the microorganism is largely due to rainwater runoff and sewage, seagull droppings have been found to be responsible not only for high E. coli levels, but for spreading multi-drug resistant bacteria in multiple countries. Researchers have found that resistance factors identified in seagull feces match those that cause highly resistant infections in humans.

Scientists have been looking for a way to keep curb seaside E. coli levels and Border Collies may just be the answer. A study led by Dr. Elizabeth Alm from Central Michigan University assigned the herding dogs to chasing seagulls on the shores of Lake Michigan.

Throughout the summers of 2012 and 2013, the dogs were trained to keep the gulls from landing on the beach while researchers tested water and sand samples for E. coli. The team found that bacterial counts were significantly lower on the beaches where the dogs were working. They also learned that timing is crucial. Dr. Alm found that if the dogs didn't curb the seagulls in the beginning of the season, E. coli would establish and could not be reduced.

There's a lot more research to be done, but the Border Collies seem to be a humane solution for keeping beaches open and people healthy.

### For Sale

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Key City Kennel Club would like to thank everyone who made it possible to hold our annual May Show. A full report will be featured in next months newsletter.