

Key City Kennel Club

PUPPY PUDDLES

MARCH 2023



Officers:

President: Sharon Olson Vice President: Gladys Berlin
Treasurer: Lori Espeland Secretary: Alexis Smith

Board members: Brian Carstensen (*2023), Bobbie Nuytten (*2023),
Pete Otterness (*2023), Roxie Eaton (*2024), Bruce Davey (*2024)
**term end*

Monthly Meeting

March 21, 2023

Training Center

Board Meeting 6:30pm

Club Meeting 7:30pm

Updates & Encouragement

If there is a need for sympathy or encouragement to be extended from the club please contact Mary Schroeder at email: marys@newulmtel.net

Add to the newsletter!

Please e-mail your ideas, stories, pictures, or newsletter corrections to: puppypuddlesnews@gmail.com

General Announcement

Key City Kennel Club Equipment

All equipment and other property of the club, when not in use for an event or under repair, must remain at the training center.

Club property is not to be removed for personal use. If you have any items that belong to the club, please return them to the training center promptly.

Hybrid Meeting in March

The March meeting will be held in-person at the training center, and also virtually. The information needed to attend the KCKC general meeting virtually at 7:25 p.m. on March 21st has been sent previously through email, this information does not change or update from month to month.

Membership list corrections

The membership list was sent through email in February, if you didn't receive the email, or if you need changes made to any of your information, please send a notification to the puppy puddles email: puppypuddlesnews@gmail.com
Many thanks!

SKUNK SEASON

Spring is on the way (hard to believe with all the snow that we've gotten this winter) and spring skunk season is here! Skunk encounters usually occur at night when your dog goes out for its last potty before bed, or in the field with hunting dogs. What should you do to avoid days of eye-watering smell?

First and foremost: **DO NOT BATHE THE DOG** or pour tomato juice on it, or any other home remedies you've heard of.

You will want to use the following instructions as quickly as possible so the chemistry of this mixture can work on fresh, unoxidized portions of the skunk spray. When done correctly, you will notice the immediate cessation of the odor. If the dog has been rinsed or bathed prior to using the following mixture, it is not as effective.

Supplies to keep on hand:

2-3 quarts of 3% regular hydrogen peroxide
1 box of baking soda
Liquid dish soap
Bowl or bucket
Sponge
Gloves
Water

Directions:

- As soon after skunk incident as possible; pour 1 quart of 3% hydrogen peroxide into mixing container.
- Add ¼ cup of baking soda. This will start to bubble and fizz (that is why you cannot pre-mix the solution).
- Add a teaspoon of dish soap.

- Wet the dog thoroughly with the solution. Sponge carefully around the face as the stuff really stings the eyes and nose. Make more solution if necessary, the fresher the better.

- After the dog has been thoroughly wetted and the traces of the smell are gone, rinse the dog with water. Bathe him with water and shampoo to rinse and clean the solution off, if left on it can irritate and dry the skin.

How it works:

Skunk spray is comprised of thiols – an organosulfur compound with sulfur-hydrogen bonds. This odor causing molecule is repulsive to humans at 10 parts per billion. These compounds can be readily oxidized into a neutral non odor producing state by adding oxygen molecule to alter the chemical structure of the thiols.

Additional comments:

If you cannot keep your dog still enough for the areas around the eyes, skip that area. It will still smell but not the extent of the whole dog covered in spray. There is no reason to get this solution into the dog's eyes.

Be sure to rinse the solution off. Hydrogen peroxide can have a bleaching potential to coat color but if done quickly and rinsed off completely should not have much effect.

Be sure to keep some the solution to rinse off your clothes, shoes, skin after wetting the dog and before rinsing things off as you will have skunk on you too.

Best of all, if you make the supply kit and are ready to go, the skunks stay away. 12 years of having a skunk kit in the truck hunting – no skunk encounters!

-thanks to Pete Otterness for providing this information

Skunk Neutralizer Directions

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FEBRUARY MEETING WAS CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER

AGENDA:

BOARD MEETING

- I. Approve minutes of previous 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

GENERAL MEETING

- I. Introduce Guests
- II. Approve minutes of previous 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