



CANINE CAPERS

A PUBLICATION OF THE NORTHEASTERN MARYLAND KENNEL CLUB

As most of you probably already know, I have taken over the production of the club newsletter. I know I have some pretty big shoes to fill, and I hope you all will be patient and understanding as I do my best to put together future editions of the Canine Capers. I can only hope to do half the job that Alma McClean has done to date. Thank you Alma for your many years of service!

If anyone has articles, announcements, brags, etc., that you would like to see included in future editions of the newsletter please be sure to get them to me at the meetings. I will do my best to get them into the upcoming editions.

Thank you,

Dawn Rexrode

Upcoming NEMKC Events

April 7 - AKC Sanctioned B/OB Match: Conformation, Obedience, Canine Good Citizen Testing

May 4 – 1st Annual Club Yard Sale. 8:00am - ?. Location: Major's Choice Community. Directions: Rt. 22 to Moore's Mill Road, to Major's Choice Dr, to Grayson Square. Bring your own tables & chairs. Contact Carol Wiley for more information at 410-838-0436

June 4 – Puppy/Senior picnic at Churchville Rec Center. Menu is hamburgers, hotdogs and pot luck.

September 22 - 5th Annual Responsible Dog Ownership Day

Local Non-NEMKC Events

April 27 - PUGS FOR PINKY, A PUG EVENT & FUNDRAISER 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM 2nd annual pug event and fundraiser at 4 Paws Spa, 121-A Industry Lane, Forest Hill, MD. This event raises money to help sick pugs and their people with high medical costs. It is an indoor event; rain or shine. There will be shopping, resource vendors, raffles, games, goody bags to the 1st 100 people and the 2nd annual 'Best Dressed Pug In Pink' contest. Admission is \$10.00 per person; pugs and children are free. For more information check our website www.pugsforpinky.com or like us on facebook.

March 23 - Black Tie & Tails Gala to Benefit the Baltimore Humane Society
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM The evening will feature an open bar, an elegant seated dinner, live music, dancing, raffles, and silent auction! Tickets are \$125 per person (well-behaved animals attend for free!) All funds raised from Black Tie and Tails support the care of animals at our no-kill shelter. www.bmorehumane.org/events/black-tie-a-tails. Grand Lodge, 304 International Circle, Hunt Valley, MD

Well-phrased signs:

On a fence:

"Salesmen welcome, dog food is expensive."

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In a veterinarian's waiting room:

"Be back in 5 minutes. Sit Stay"

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Children With Autism Show Increased Positive Social Behaviors When Animals Are Present

Feb. 27, 2013 — The presence of an animal can significantly increase positive social behaviors in children with autism spectrum disorders (ASD), according to research published February 20 in the open access journal *PLOS ONE* by Marguerite E O'Haire and colleagues from the University of Queensland, Australia.

The authors compared how 5-13 year old children with ASD interacted with adults and typically-developing peers in the presence of two guinea pigs compared to toys. They found that in the presence of animals, children with ASD demonstrated more social behaviors like talking, looking at faces and making physical contact. They were also more receptive to social advances from their peers in the presence of the animals than they were when playing with toys. The presence of animals also increased instances of smiling and laughing, and reduced frowning, whining and crying behaviors in children with ASD more than having toys did.

Previous studies have shown that people are more likely to receive overtures of friendship from strangers when walking a dog than when walking alone, and similar effects have been observed for people holding smaller animals like rabbits or turtles. The authors suggest that this 'social lubricant' effect of animals on human social interactions can be particularly important for individuals with socio-emotional disabilities.

According to the authors, the ability of an animal to help children with ASD connect to adults may help foster interactions with therapists, teachers or other adult figures. They add that animal-assisted interventions may have applications in the classroom as well, saying "For children with ASD, the school classroom can be a stressful and overwhelming environment due to social challenges and peer victimization. If an animal can reduce this stress or artificially change children's perception of the classroom and its occupants, then a child with ASD may feel more at ease and open to social approach behaviors."



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911 Revolution St., Havre de Grace 21078

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Abingdon Fire Co., 3308 Abingdon Rd., Abingdon
MD 21009

Second Week: Sunday, May 5, 2013, 2-4 p.m.

Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company
1403 South Mountain Rd. Joppa MD 21085

Darlington Volunteer Fire Dept., 1209 Castleton Rd.
Darlington MD 21034

Aberdeen Volunteer Fire Dept., 21 North Rogers St.
Aberdeen MD 21001

Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Dept.,
3825 Federal Hill Rd., Jarrettsville MD 21084

**OFFICIAL RECOMMENDATION
For Dogs, Cats and Ferrets 3
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Pet	Vaccinate
Puppies & Kittens Under 1 year	3 months of age. Revaccinate 1 year after initial shot or if this is your dog or cat's first shot, regardless of age, revaccinate after 1 year. Thereafter, revaccinate every 3 years.
Adult Dogs & Cats	Every 3 years as explained above.
Ferrets	Vaccinate on a yearly basis.

Protect your pet and your family against the threat of rabies. Bring your dogs, cats and ferrets to a rabies clinic and provide your pets with the love and protection they deserve. Fee is \$5.00 per animal.

Only your pets under the control of responsible persons may be brought to the clinic. Dogs should be on a leash. Cats and ferrets should be secured within cages. No animals other than dogs, cats and ferrets will be vaccinated.

Additional information is available at www.harfordcountyhealth.com

Caring for Dogs to Reduce Spread of Parasite Eggs Harmful to Humans

Feb. 5, 2013 — The UK dog population is estimated to be around ten million, with dogs producing approximately 1,000 tonnes of excrement each day. New research has shown that dogs act as a major source of the parasite egg, *Toxocara*, which can potentially contaminate the public environment and infect humans.

The aim of the study, led by Dr Eric Morgan and colleagues from the University of Bristol's School of Veterinary Sciences and published in the international scientific journal, *Veterinary Parasitology*, was to identify where efforts to control the parasite should focus, in the interests of protecting public health.

The parasitic worm, called *Toxocara*, is a rare cause of disease in humans, responsible for occasional cases of abdominal pain, loss of sight, and potentially asthma and epilepsy. The link with dogs, host to the adult parasites, has long been accepted, but this study has shown that in spite of decades of efforts through worming and control of dog fouling, the parasite remains common in our pets and on our streets.

For the first time, relative contributions of dogs and the other hosts of the parasites, cats and foxes, are estimated, as well as total egg output, using data from Bristol. With the help of additional information from a previous study led by Vet School colleague, Dr Jane Murray, the researchers estimate that nearly four tonnes of dog waste are produced in Bristol each day and nearly 1,000 tonnes nationally.

Given that each adult female worm can lay 12,500 eggs or more per day, this equates to around 3.7 billion eggs shed per day within the city of Bristol, or a number close to the world's human population every two days.

Dr Eric Morgan, Senior Lecturer in Veterinary Parasitology and senior author of the paper, said: "These results are not all that surprising but they are likely to differ widely between places. We provided a method for estimating different sources of contamination with *Toxocara* eggs anywhere in the world. This will hopefully help locally appropriate control measures to be put in place. The data also provides a baseline against which future changes can be measured, as we currently lack any good evidence of how effective steps such as anti-fouling legislation are in reducing egg load and human disease."

Regular worming, especially of younger dogs and continued efforts to promote removal of feces from public areas by dog owners are key to reducing the reservoir of infection for humans. For the public, the message is clear: bag it, bin it, and worm your dog.



A Toxocara egg. Actual size approximately 0.06 mm (Credit: Image by Eric Morgan)

Q: What did one flea say to the other flea when they walked out of the movies?

A: Shall we walk or take the dog?

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Westminster Dog Show Poisoning: Lynette Blue, Owner Of Canine That Died, Suspects Foul Play

NEW YORK -- A dog owner says she thinks there's a chance her prized pet was deliberately poisoned while competing at the Westminster Kennel Club show, causing it to die several days later.

"It is in the realm of possibility," Lynette Blue told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Blue co-owns a 3-year-old Samoyed named Cruz, and said he probably swallowed poison at Westminster earlier this month. Four days after competing, the dog died, on Feb. 16, while at a show in Colorado.

Blue has worked since the 1970s with Samoyeds, a sturdy, medium-sized breed. She said that while there was no evidence foul play was involved, certain symptoms were consistent with dogs who ingest rat or mouse poison. That was the reason she said she decided against a necropsy – an autopsy for animals.

"The timeline adds up. There's no other scenario we can come up with other than poison," she said.

Asked if she thought it was intentional, she said: "I don't think we'll ever know."

The dog's death was first reported by The New York Times.

Cruz's handler, Robert Chaffin, told the Times he thought extreme animal rights activists may have been to blame. Members of some animal groups have criticized shows featuring purebred dogs in the past.

In 2010, two members of the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals stood in the middle of the Westminster best-in-show ring at Madison Square Garden and held protest signs.

But PETA co-founder and president Ingrid Newkirk said "it makes no sense whatsoever" that an animal rights activist would harm an animal.

"It's a fantasy, it's a fallacy," she told the AP by phone Thursday night. "How dare you point a finger and cast aspersions when you haven't a clue."

The veterinarian who treated Cruz, Molly Comiskey, told the Times: "Dogs are dogs. It's not anyone's fault. They eat stuff; they get into things; they make bad decisions."

The 137th Westminster drew 2,721 purebred entries. Cruz, one of 33 Samoyeds list in the show, did not win any ribbons in the best of breed judging.

"We have never, to our knowledge, had an incident at our show where a dog has become ill or was harmed as a result of being poisoned," the kennel club said in a statement.

"After conversation with the co-owner of the dog in question, it was established that the dog left Georgia on Monday and flew to New York, he was exhibited at our show on Tuesday, and flew to Denver on Wednesday morning where he subsequently became ill on Saturday. Unfortunately, no autopsy was performed, so there are a lot of unanswered questions," the statement said.

Dangerous Foods for Dogs

Who can resist those big brown eyes and cute doggie grin? Can a little reward from the table really hurt your dog? Well, that depends on what it is and what's in it. A chip with guacamole can cause your dog some real problems. In fact, there's a lot of people food your dog should never eat. And, it's not just because of weight. Some foods are downright dangerous for dogs -- and some of these common foods may surprise you.

Alcohol - Beer, liquor, wine, foods containing alcohol -- none of it's good for your dog. That's because alcohol has the same effect on a dog's liver and brain that it has on humans. But it takes far less to do its damage. Just a little can cause vomiting, diarrhea, central nervous system depression, problems with coordination, difficulty breathing, coma, even death. And the smaller the dog, the greater the effect.

Avocado - No matter how good you think the guacamole is, you shouldn't give it to your dog. Avocados contain a substance called persin. It's harmless for humans who aren't allergic. But large amounts might be toxic to dogs. If you happen to be growing avocados at home, keep your dog away from the plants. Persin is in the leaves, seed, and bark, as well as in the fruit.

Candy and Gum - Candy, gum, toothpaste, baked goods, and some diet foods are sweetened with xylitol. Xylitol can cause an increase in the insulin circulating through your dog's body. That can cause your dog's blood sugar to drop and can also cause liver failure. Initial symptoms include vomiting, lethargy, and loss of coordination. Eventually, the dog may have seizures. Liver failure can occur within just a few days.

Chocolate - Most people know that chocolate is bad for dogs. The toxic agent in chocolate is theobromine. It's in all kinds of chocolate, even white chocolate. The most dangerous kinds, though, are dark chocolate, chocolate mulch, and unsweetened baking chocolate. Eating chocolate, even just licking the icing bowl, can cause a dog to vomit, have diarrhea, and be excessively thirsty. It can also cause abnormal heart rhythm, tremors, seizures, and death.

Coffee, Tea, and Other Caffeine - Caffeine in large enough quantities can be fatal for a dog. And, there is no antidote. Symptoms of caffeine poisoning include restlessness, rapid breathing, heart palpitations, muscle tremors, fits, and bleeding. In addition to tea and coffee - including beans and grounds -- caffeine can be found in cocoa, chocolate, colas, and stimulant drinks such as Red Bull. It's also in some cold medicines and pain killers.

Fat Trimmings and Bones - Table scraps often contain meat fat that a human didn't eat and bones. Both are dangerous for dogs. Fat trimmed from meat, both cooked and uncooked, can cause pancreatitis in dogs. And, although it seems natural to give a dog a bone, a dog can choke on it. Bones can also splinter and cause an obstruction or lacerations of your dog's digestive system. It's best to just forget about the doggie bag.

Grapes and Raisins - Grapes and raisins have often been used as treats for dogs. But it's not a good idea. Although it isn't clear why, grapes and raisins can cause kidney failure in dogs. And just a small amount can make a dog ill. Repeated vomiting is an early sign. Within a day, the dog will become lethargic and depressed. The best prevention is to keep grapes and raisins off counters and other places your dog can reach.

(Dangerous Foods cont'd)

Kitchen Pantry: No Dogs Allowed - Many other items commonly found on kitchen shelves can harm your dog. For instance, baking powder and baking soda are both highly toxic. So are nutmeg and other spices. Keeping food items high enough to be out of your dog's reach and keeping pantry doors closed will help protect your dog from serious food-related illness.

Milk and Other Dairy Products - On a hot day, it may be tempting to share your ice cream cone with your dog. But if your dog could, it would thank you for not doing so. Milk and milk-based products can cause diarrhea and other digestive upset as well as set up food allergies (which often manifest as itchiness).

Macadamia Nuts - Dogs should not eat macadamia nuts or foods containing macadamia nuts because they can be fatal. As few as six raw or roasted macadamia nuts can make a dog ill. Symptoms of poisoning include muscle tremors, weakness or paralysis of the hindquarters, vomiting, elevated body temperature, and rapid heart rate. Eating chocolate with the nuts will make symptoms worse, possibly leading to death.

Onions and Garlic - Onions and garlic in all forms -- powdered, raw, cooked, or dehydrated -- can destroy a dog's red blood cells, leading to anemia. That can happen even with the onion powder found in some baby food. An occasional small dose is probably OK. But just eating a large quantity once or eating smaller amounts regularly can cause poisoning. Symptoms of anemia include weakness, vomiting, little interest in food, dullness, and breathlessness.

Persimmons, Peaches, and Plums - The problem with these fruits is the seeds or pits. The seeds from persimmons can cause inflammation of the small intestine in dogs. They can also cause intestinal obstruction. Obstruction is also a possibility if a dog eats the pit from a peach or plum. Plus, peach and plum pits contain cyanide, which is poisonous to both humans and dogs.

Raw Eggs - There are two problems with giving your dog raw eggs. The first is the possibility of food poisoning from bacteria like Salmonella or E. coli. The second is that an enzyme in raw eggs interferes with the absorption of a particular B vitamin. This can cause skin problems as well as problems with your dog's coat if raw eggs are fed for a long time.

Raw Meat and Fish - Raw meat and raw fish, like raw eggs, can contain bacteria that causes food poisoning. In addition, certain kinds of fish such as salmon, trout, shad, or sturgeon can contain a parasite that causes "fish disease" or "salmon poisoning disease." If not treated, the disease can be fatal within two weeks. The first signs of illness are vomiting, fever, and big lymph nodes. Thoroughly cooking the fish will kill the parasite and protect your dog.

Salt - It's not a good idea to share salty foods like chips or pretzels with your dog. Eating too much salt can cause excessive thirst and urination and lead to sodium ion poisoning. Symptoms of too much salt include vomiting, diarrhea, depression, tremors, elevated body temperature, and seizures. It may even cause death.

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Sugary Foods and Drinks - Too much sugar can do the same thing to dogs that it does to humans. It can lead to obesity, dental problems, and possibly the onset of diabetes

Yeast Dough- Before it's baked, bread dough needs to rise. And, that's exactly what it would do in your dog's stomach if your dog ate it. As it swells inside, the dough can stretch the dog's abdomen and cause severe pain. In addition, when the yeast ferments the dough to make it rise, it produces alcohol that can lead to alcohol poisoning.

Your Medicine - Reaction to a drug commonly prescribed for humans is the most common cause of poisoning in dogs. Just as you would do for your children, keep all medicines out of your dog's reach. And, never give your dog any over-the-counter medicine unless told to do so by your vet. Ingredients such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen are common in pain relievers and cold medicine. And, they can be deadly for your dog.

If Your Dog Eats What It Shouldn't - Dogs explore with their mouth. And, no matter how cautious you are, it's possible your dog can find and swallow what it shouldn't. It's a smart idea to always keep the number of your local vet, the closest emergency clinic, and the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center -- (888) 426-4435 -- where you know you can find it in an emergency. And, if you think your dog has consumed something that's toxic, call for emergency help at once.

<http://pets.webmd.com/dogs/ss/slideshow-foods-your-dog-should-never-eat>

***** **Brag** *****

Submitted by Joan Taylor: Goldridge Golden Retrievers: Goldridge The Dream Keeper was WD at Long Island Golden Retriever Specialty for a Major. His first time out with a handler and in the blizzard! Goldridge The Dream Keeper went WD at Susquehanna KC on March for 2 points and BOW for his second major on Sunday, March 10

Submitted by Joe Engers/Trish Basil: Homestead's Crafty Casey (cream Mini Poodle) scored a 197 and 3rd place in Beginner's Novice B on January 25 under Judge Larry Wilson, and a 195 and 3rd place on January 26 under Judge Teresa Walker at the York Kennel Club trials in Red Lion, PA.

Submitted by Linda List: BoldBluff Lexi Lou earned her 2nd leg in Novice A with a score of 184 and 1st place at the York County Kennel Club in Felton, PA.

Submitted by the Heydt's: GCH Larrgo is going to Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show this weekend. He received a Group 1 win last weekend.

Submitted by Chris Saint: Medea's River of Dreams VDX, RA is the proud mother of 8 puppies, born 2/1/13. Four boys, four girls. The sire is Ch Oakhaven's Golden Sunset. The breeding was produced by the use of frozen semen from 1990.

Submitted by Norma Ryan: Tigh O'Tykes Hugo finished the year at #7 in the US.
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Submitted by Carol Wiley: FaceFace won 2nd place in the Harford County Raven Rally Best Dressed Fan contest.

Submitted by Debra Warfield: At the York County Dog Training Club: Oak hill White Christmas, CGC, BN, RA earned two sores of 96 in Advanced B for her RA title. Kalabria Tawney the Tiger CGC, BN, CD, RE earned a 98 and 2nd pace in Advanced B, a 75 in Excellent B, a 97 in Advanced B, and a 92 in Excellent B. At the Sand & Sea Kennel Club – Oak Hill White Christmas, CGC, BN, RA earned a 195 and 3rd place in Novice B, and a 96 in Advanced B. Kalabria Tawney the Tiger CGC, BN, CD, RE earned a 98 and 2nd place in Advanced B, an 88 and 4th place in Excellent B, a 98 and 4th place in Advanced B, and a 100 and 2nd place in Excellent B.

Submitted by Dawn Rexrode: VP3,UCI Intl CH, UKC CH Phoenix' Darla of Blacksmith (litter sister to Fehren, and co-bred by Donna Rommelfaenger, John Smith and myself, and owned by Donna Rommelfaenger and John Smith) took Winners Bitch for a 4 point Major at the Chain O'Lakes show on January 27th under Judge Mrs. Marcia Feld. Sire: Ch Karriem's Nero, Dam: UCI Intl CH, URO1, U-GRCH, Phoenix' Champagne Wishes, RN, RL1, AOE-L1, CW-ZR1, CW-SR, HIC

Tips for Living with a Dog that Misses Someone

By Eliza Wynn

Have you ever wondered whether your dog misses someone who used to be a big part of his day-to-day life? Humans aren't the only species with the ability to bond – or to miss those with whom they've bonded. Pets have feelings, and they definitely miss beloved pack members when they're apart. The good news is that there are ways you can help ease the loneliness and stress your dog feels when a loved one isn't around.

Spending time with your dog is always important, but it's even more so when he misses someone. In addition to simply keeping him company while you go about your day, be sure to set aside some special time for your canine friend. He'll appreciate playtime, walks, training games and just hanging out together. Make sure he has a job to do, and don't forget to talk to him. Even if you're convinced he doesn't understand a word you say, the positive attention and the sound of your voice will be more than welcome.

Nowadays, many people travel frequently for both business and pleasure. Others move out, sometimes temporarily while attending college, but often permanently. Pets that have bonded closely with them can get lonely, anxious or even depressed. Fortunately, being apart doesn't always have to mean complete separation; technology provides several options to bridge the gap. For example, webcams and smartphones enable users to see each other even when they're miles apart. If your dog misses someone who's away, try setting up a video chat. If that's not possible, even a simple phone call in which he can hear his friend's voice will reassure him.

Sadly, some separations are permanent. If your dog misses someone who has passed away, he will mourn the loss. Try offering an item of clothing with his loved one's scent. Sleeping with this item should provide comfort while your dog adjusts to life without his friend. Some dogs find themselves in a new home due to the death of their owner. When this occurs, it's a very confusing and sad time for the dog. In addition to grieving, he has to adjust to a new environment, schedule and rules. *(cont'd on pg 10)*

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To help with this adjustment, try to maintain his original meal and walk schedule at first if you know it; you can gradually make any major changes necessary.

If your dog misses another pet that passed away, he may find himself adjusting to a new position in the pack. Although it might change his status yet again, finding a new companion for your dog can help, but only under the right circumstances. Responsible pet owners never adopt a pet if they're not ready, willing and able to provide a safe, loving home.

If you find that you are in a position to adopt, however, a new friend could help your dog's blues. Before making that commitment, arrange a meeting to be sure they get along well, and as always, make sure you're adopting for the right reason. If you decide to go through with the adoption, don't forget to buy your new dog or cat his own supplies, including some premium quality CANIDAE or FELIDAE food.

Whether the separation is temporary or permanent, you can make the situation easier for your dog. He won't forget about the loved one he misses, and he'll still have plenty of kisses left for his pack member if they're ever together again.



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