



TAILWAGGER TIMES NEWSLETTER February 2009 Edition

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Show them the LOVE!!!

Ahh, February! Our long cold winter is beginning to wind down! Well, at least 3 months of it have passed. Now comes the months of uncertain weather. One day it is cold, the next day it is warm. Isn't it funny how in Wisconsin, we consider above freezing warm? February also brings Valentines Day! Valentines Day is a day that is meant to extend thoughts of love and friendship to those you love. It is an excellent time to do something special for your four legged friends. It is our dogs who give us unconditional love. If we have a bad day at work, they are the ones who always seem to understand and do something to make our days just a little brighter. If we are sad, they help lift our spirits. Perhaps it is a slurpy kiss, or just a tail wag. They are always there for us! Perhaps Valentines Day is a day we can tell our pets just how very much we love them too! Take them for a walk, play a game of fetch. Whatever your pooch loves the most, perhaps Valentines Day is the day to show your furry friend that you care! Happy Valentines Day to you and your canine friends!

Kennel Cough Alert

Bonnie Liermann

There has been an outbreak of kennel cough in our area. Because of this, please do not leave buckets of water at the club. If you want to fill a bucket for your dog, please dump it when you are done and don't allow other dogs to use it. We won't be filling water buckets for our classes.

Awards Banquet!

Just a reminder that the Annual Awards Banquet will be held at Nibby's in Branch at 6:30 on Wednesday March 4th. The monthly club meeting will be held at Nibby's in conjunction with the event. Even if you don't have a dog receiving an award, you are encouraged to attend! See all the really well trained dogs and proud owners as they receive their awards. Have good food and good conversation with fellow club members. The cost is \$12. Contact Kay at cavalierlady@tm.net if you still want to attend!

MANITOWOC COUNTY KENNEL CLUB
MCKC Building, 40 Albert Drive, Manitowoc WI
Wednesday, February 4, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. 23 members and 9 guests signed the roster.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the minutes of the previous meeting which is available on the club website.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (June Ashford): June welcomed everyone and reported that the Board approved the appointment of Kay Christel to fill the Board position left vacant by Kay Baum's resignation.

It was brought to June's attention that a member received an anonymous letter claiming the member was not picking up after the member's dog. Anonymous letters do not belong at the club. Complaints should be brought to the attention of a board member and not sent in the form of anonymous correspondence.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Karleen Cole): No report

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Angela Chetcuti): Members were reminded to sign in as attendance is considered one hour against their annual volunteer hours (a maximum of two hours per family membership). Members were reminded to ensure their volunteer hours were given to the appropriate chairperson.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Burl Cavanaugh): Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the monthly treasurer's report.

CORRESPONDENCE None.

MANITOWOC BUILDING/GROUNDS (Burl Cavanaugh): Burl reminded everyone that you still can't use the fenced in area because of the snow.

FIELD REPORT (Chris Haese): Plans for the annual hunt test are being put together, with event approval expected from AKC very soon. This year's event will offer a double master and double junior events along with a senior test. The event is scheduled for the weekend of May 15-17, 2009 at the Valders grounds. Chris Haese is the primary contact for this event.

VALDERS' GROUNDS (Chris Haese): The road construction at the Valders grounds has been substantially completed thanks to the hard work of club member John Lukas and the coordination of Steve Lubner. In addition to substantially completing the road on the north property, gravel was added to the existing road on the lower grounds. A few more loads of gravel will be required along with the necessary grading, both of which will be completed once the weather cooperates this spring.

The Valders grounds are snow covered and slippery to say the least. Chris personally visited the grounds on the afternoon of January 24. With the temperature at 2 degrees and a stiff wind blowing, the walk to the far end of the property and back was a brisk one to say the least. In terms of training suitability, the grounds are in bad shape. The

crusting snow not only makes vehicular travel difficult, but is also a real threat to your dog's health due to the high chance of injury. Anyone using the grounds should use extreme caution for the next few weeks at least.

HUNTER/RETRIEVER CLASS (Steve Lubner & Jerry Running): Preparations are underway for the Retriever Puppy Class which will again be offered this spring. Steve and Jerry are the primary contacts for this event.

LICENSED HUNT TEST (Jerry Running): No report.

HUNTING DOG EXPO (Mike Brookins): No report.

SANCTIONED FIELD TRIAL (Jerry Claybrook & Tom Hendricks): No report.

LICENSED FIELD TRIAL (Jim Powers): No report.

AGILITY (Burl Cavanaugh): Burl reported that they need volunteers again this year. Please notify Burl if you can help. Premiums will be available on the website within two weeks. Judges have been hired for future Agility Trials through September 2011.

The drop-in informal Agility class each Wednesday 6-7 p.m. continues. The class is free to members and \$5/hour to non-members. There will be no drop-in classes during the time Hunter/Retriever classes are scheduled to be held at the club.

CONFORMATION (Sue Koehler): Classes continue to be held at the club every second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

CORRECTION CLINICS (Gloria Helmer): See the website calendar. Gloria has correction clinics scheduled through April.

OBEDIENCE (Bonnie Liermann): No report.

FALL SHOW (Kathy Myers): Everything is progressing on time and Kathy is in communication with AKC and Roy Jones. Anyone interested in donating a Group Placement (\$30) needs to get that information to the committee by May 15th.

HOSPITALITY: (Mitzi Pilon): Please contact Mitzi if you can help 920-553-4321.

NEWSLETTER (Julie Holschbach): The club calendar will be maintained by Julie Holschbach. Send Julie anything you need to have on the website calendar to izzyholsch@gmail.com. Julie will also be maintaining our four-month calendar at the club. Anything on the calendar on the website will also be on the calendar at the club. Please do not add things yourselves. Someone recently used permanent markers on the club calendar and it can't be removed.

Julie gave out her reward for the first person to contact her with the location of the hidden dog bone in her January Tailwagger Times report. Check out her newsletter on line or at the club house for further rewards!

Joann Budnik Golden Retriever (A,O,Th)
Single Membership sponsored by Donna Hluachek & Valarie Gengler

Shelly Parizek Goldens, Cocker Spaniel, Lab mix (A,B,C,O,Th,P,Tr)
Single Membership sponsored by June Ashford & Ginny Orheim

Erin Rosinsky & Reed Gauthier Siberian Husky & Alaskan Malamute mix (A,P)
Family Membership sponsored by Donna Hlavachek & Vicki Wetenkamp

Gregg Ublacker Labrador Retriever (F,O,P)
Single Membership sponsored by Steve Lubner & Jerry Running

Kim Van Drisse English Springer, Australian Shepherd, Beagle/Blue Heeler
mix
Single Membership sponsored by Brian & Debbie Cavanaugh & Susan Koehler

Ann Vander Bloomen Cockapoo (P)
Single Membership sponsored by Charlotte Guile & Sarah Gallenberger

Lisa Wettstein Golden Retriever (A,O,P)
Single Membership sponsored by June Ashford & Carol Paplham

Abigail Zahorik Bull terrier & English Cocker (A,B,C,O)
Single Membership sponsored by Valarie Gengler & Lucy Cigler

Congratulations and welcome!

OLD BUSINESS: A big thank you to Kim Van Drisse for donating bamboo blinds to cover the large mirror in the building. Burl will arrange for them to be installed.

We still plan to hold a spring rummage sale, so hold onto any items you'd like to donate for this event.

NEW BUSINESS: In order for us to be AKC Compliant, we need to report annually any public education and community involvement. Angela asked any member who took part in public education to email her so that she could add it to the compliance report she submits to AKC at the end of the year. June Ashford and Carol Paplham will also be looking for potential speakers to give presentations at monthly general meetings.

It was decided to keep a bucket at the club where members could make donations to the local Humane Society.

If any member would like to share magazines they subscribe to, they should leave them at the club with a note to "read and pass on."

A motion was carried to allow the Treasurer to pay any bills.

The next meeting of the MCKC will be held on March 4th, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at Nibby's in Branch.

Angela Chetcuti - Secretary

Editor's reward

In an attempt to increase readership, Julie Holschbach, the editor of Tailwagger Times is offering a reward for the person (well, the pet gets the prize), who, after careful reading of this newsletter (cause dogs can't read), is the first one to notify her that they have found the hidden dog bone. It is hidden some place in this newsletter. The reward will actually be a treat for your pet. So, get reading, and dig up that bone! But remember, you need to be the **first one** to contact me! My email address is: izzyholsch@gmail.com or call me at 758-2979. I made it a little more difficult this month! **Kay Christel** won last month! Kay said the pink Valentine bone made her dog Trixie's day! Thank you to Chris Dubois too for playing along! So we can have lots of winners, if you won, you need to "sit" out and "wait" a month before you can win again! So, **Happy Hunting!**

Toy Safety Alert

Carol Paplham

Carol sent a toy alert for dog owners to read. Carol also included this website which tells about this hazard to your dog.

<http://www.snopes.com/critters/crusader/pimpleball.asp>

The article tells about a very dangerous toy called a Pimple Ball with Bell. It seems that while chewing on the toy, a vacuum was created and it can suck a dog's tongue into the hole in the ball. According to a veterinarian, this likely occurred because there is not a second hole in the ball preventing the vacuum effect from happening. The dog in the above reading ended up having its tongue removed due to extreme and severe swelling. The bottom line always has to come down to safety for our pets. They count on us for their lives. Since they give us so much of their own, we owe it to them to make sure their lives are as safe as possible. Isn't that the main reason we train our pets, to be safe?

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ANNETTE MCDONALD: U-CD U-ACHX CAMERON VI CD RAE MXP MJP
OAC S-OJC O-TN-E TG-N WV-N "Cameron" (Rough Collie)

Jan 17 2009 Bark River Dog Club UKC Agility Winter Weekend, Western
Waukesha Co Dog Training Club Ixonia WI

Cameron earned her second U-Grach leg with a combined score of 592 out of a possible 600 points.

ANNETTE MCDONALD: U-AGI HIGHCROFT'S EXOTIC ACCELERATION
"Vector" (Rough Collie)

Jan 17 2009 Bark River Dog Club UKC Agility Winter Weekend, Western
Waukesha Co Dog Training Club Ixonia WI

Vector earned his first two legs toward his AGI title, and his first (of many, I hope) two blue ribbons

Jan 24 2009 WI-IL Agility Group UKC Trial, WAG Training Center Spring Grove
IL Vector earned his AGI title, taking home another "blue"

Humane Society Donations

At the February general meeting, it was decided that we would keep a permanent container at the club for members to use for donations for our four legged friends at the Humane Society. Items you wish to donate should be placed in the container. When the container is full, it will be taken to the shelter for donation! Look around your house for things you could donate to be used for those less fortunate. New items are welcome too! Thank you for your support!

