



TAILWAGGER TIMES NEWSLETTER May 2009 Edition

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Happy May!

Greetings to you all in the month of May! May marks many things for many people. May is the month that graduations begin and wedding bells start to ring. May is the month that warmer weather and sunshine begin to become a more regular fixture, rather than just once in a while. According to the old adage, we are supposed to be seeing those May flowers that came about because of the April Showers. May is the month we set aside time to commemorate the veterans who defended this great country of ours. Did you know though, that May 3rd also marked the beginning of “Be Kind to Animals Week”?

At the April general meeting, I told those in attendance about a veterinarian who had sent me a book called “Speaking for Spot”. Later on in this newsletter, you will find a brief review of this book. The author, Dr. Nancy Kay was kind enough to send me an autographed copy of the book, which I donated to our club’s new library for everyone to read. Dr. Nancy has been since keeping me informed of great information in her blog. She held a contest with her readers for “Be Kind to Animals Week” on her web site (www.speakingforspot.com). The following are the two winners of her contest, with two ideas for showing kindness to your pet:

- “With hot weather approaching and family dogs that want no part of swimming or the hose we have found a perfect solution. We built our dogs a sand pit in a shady area. We moisten the sand with water and the Boxers enjoy lying in the coolness. In addition, our Danish/Swedish Farm dog loves to dig and has learned that the sand pit is his special digging spot. At the end of the day, a quick squirt of the hose puts all the sand back in the pit, levels it and makes ready for the next day’s warm weather. Any sand in the dogs’ coats dries quickly and drops off before entering the house.”
- “It really pays off to spend a few minutes daily grooming your dog and teaching him/her to enjoy this time. I also brush teeth and do stretching exercises with my older dog. Besides looking good and feeling good, the benefits are many: you can find any lumps or minor injuries and treat them before they grow worse, you can deal with fleas and ticks before they

become established, you can brush out mats in long-haired dogs before they get out of control. Most important, you strengthen the bond between you and your dog and spend 'quality time' together."

May you all have a wonderful Memorial Day with family and friends and of course, your canine friends! Relax, have a cook out and "Be kind to those animals!"

**MANITOWOC COUNTY KENNEL CLUB
MCKC Building, 40 Albert Drive, Manitowoc WI
Wednesday, May 6, 2009**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. 35 members and 6 guests signed the roster.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (June Ashford): June reported that the Dr. Brightman will start his presentation at 7:45 p.m. She also reminded members who chaired programs and events to document their job responsibilities and submit them to Angela before the end of September.

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 also reminded to report their volunteer hours to the appropriate chairperson.

Angela also asked members to destroy any old membership application forms they found that did not include the following on the form, "After the first year, a new member will be instructed as to the use of their building privileges and the responsibilities that this entails."

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): Grass has been planted outside and a 2ft. high fence erected to keep dogs out. Please avoid those areas under repair.

FIELD REPORT (Chris Haese): This year's annual hunt test 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. Contact Chris if you can volunteer.

VALDERS' GROUNDS (Chris Haese): No report

HUNTER/RETRIEVER CLASS (Steve Lubner & Jerry Running): No report

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): There is an upcoming field trial on August 7-9, Please contact Jim for details.

AGILITY (Burl Cavanaugh): Burl still needs volunteers for the June 5-7 agility trials. Ginny needs donations of non-refrigerated type desserts. Please contact Burl and Ginny to help.

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): No more scheduled classes until the fall.

TRACKING CLASS (Laurie Sales): Information available on the website.

OBEDIENCE (Bonnie Liermann): A modified Puppy Socialization class will be offered for four weeks in June. Next regular session begins the week of July 6.

FALL SHOW (Kathy Myers): Kathy stated that we are all confirmed for the 12th. They need help setting up the grooming room on Friday afternoon. Please contact the show committee if you can volunteer time to help.

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

NEWSLETTER (Julie Holschbach): Send Julie anything you need to have on the website calendar to izzyholsch@gmail.com. Don't forget to check out the latest Tailwagger Times.

MEMBERSHIP (Greg/Amanda Langman): No report

PUBLIC EDUCATION/CLEANING (Lori Maltby): If anyone is interested in helping out with a dog demo/Pet Therapy session please contact Gloria

Lori still needs someone to clean the building in the month of December. Please contact her immediately if you can do this. The cleaning schedule is posted at the club house.

SUNSHINE (Debby Wronkowski): Sympathy card sent to Denise Baumann, on the loss of her dog "Tolly." Get well card sent to Dave Helmer due to a recent surgery. Please contact Debby at woodlandsas@lakefield.net if you know of anyone who needs a "little sunshine."

Debby thanked the club and all those members who contributed to the "Walk MS 2009" on April 26 in Sheboygan.

WEBSITE (Bonnie Liermann): Burl told members to check out the new navigation bars with member information. A navigation bar has been set up for those who need to fulfill their 25 volunteer hours/year. Anyone who needs hours should check out this area of the

website and contact the chairperson if they can help. Also, any chairperson who is looking for volunteers should write up a request and send it to Burl to add to that section of the website.

If anyone has problems locating information on the website, please contact Burl.

LIBRARY/HISTORIAN (Kay Baum): We have some new books and a new DVD on crate games. The list of library items can also be viewed on the club website, so please check it out and contact Kay.

AWARDS DINNER (Kay Christel): No report.

MEMBERSHIP NAMES FOR 1st READING

Shellie Ambrosius & Gary Roberson
Shelties, Australian Shepherds, Maltese (A,C,O,Th,H,P,Tr)
Family Membership sponsored by Kay Baum & Deb Wronkowski

Vince Burri
Labrador Retriever (F)
Single Field Membership sponsored by Jerry Running & Steve Lubner

Mary Eresh
Labrador Retriever (F,A,O,P,Tr)
Single Field Membership sponsored by Jerry Running & Steve Lubner

Mike Lardy (F)
Single Professional Field Membership sponsored by Jim & Judy Powers

Matt Mayer
Labrador Retriever (F)
Single Field Membership sponsored by Stuart Wellnitz & Rory Horneck

Brandon M. Schelk
German Shorthair pointer & Labrador Retriever (F)
Single Field Membership sponsored by Jim Van Engen & Steve Lubner

MEMBERSHIP NAMES FOR 2nd READING AND VOTE: None

Joseph A. Behnke
Labrador Retriever (F)
Single Field Membership sponsored by Steve Lubner & Jerry Running

Congratulations, and welcome!



OLD BUSINESS:

We still plan to hold a spring rummage sale. Hold onto any items you'd like to donate.

Angela asked for donations such as football and baseball tickets or other large items that the club can use for the club raffle that will be held in September. Contact Angela with your generous contribution.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

A 50/50 cash raffle was held.

A motion was carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The next meeting of the MCKC will be held on June 3rd, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Valders grounds. Directions to the grounds are available on the club website.

Angela Chetcuti
Secretary

The following programs are in place for upcoming general meetings:

- **June: meeting to be held at the Valders grounds with a demonstration put on by field members.**
- No July meeting;
- August: police canine demonstration;
- September: Agility demonstration;
- October: Service dog presentation by Debby Wronkowski;
- November: presentation on Jin Shin Jyutsu by Gail Okrey a physio philosophy certified practitioner and animal workshop instructor;
- December: annual potluck and elections.

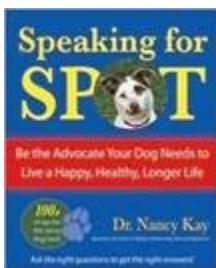
Motel 6 Offer

AKC and Motel 6 have discounts for Dog Owners

AKC announced a special agreement with Motel 6 and Studio 6 to offer all AKC registered dog owners a 10% discount on room reservations nationwide. To reserve a room, all AKC registrants can log on to: www.motel6.com and enter access code: CP542764 for Motel 6 or www.staystudio6.com and enter access code CP542765. **REMEMBER TO PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOGS**, and if necessary, someone that has not picked up after their dog.

Did you know that AKC proudly celebrates its 125th Anniversary in 2009? Since 1884, the not-for-profit organization has maintained the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world. Visit: www.akc.org

Carol Papham



Speaking for SPOT

I had the opportunity to read a new book, *Speaking for Spot*. This book was written by Dr. Nancy Kay, Specialist, American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. Her goal in writing the book was to teach dog lovers how to navigate the sometimes overwhelming, confusing, and expensive world of veterinary medicine. Chapters with such content as, why your dog needs a medical advocate, how to make informed choices, questions to ask your veterinarian and all the way to end of life decisions are covered in this well written book. From first puppy owner to the experience dog owner, there is a wealth of information. Written in an easy to read format, readers are encouraged to become the well-informed advocates their pets need them to be when it comes to their health-care decisions.

If you want to learn more about the author or the book, you can visit www.speakingforspot.com. I had the good fortune of receiving an autographed copy from Dr. Kay. I have added it to our new library. I highly encourage you all to check it out! It is a great read!

Julie Holschbach, Editor Tailwagger Times

June Meeting Location Change

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Did you find the hidden bone in this issue? 4 lucky pooches have won a treat because people they love took the time to look! If you missed it, go back and dig some more! Good luck! Contact Julie Holschbach at izzyholsch@gmail.com if retrieve it!

