



TAILWAGGER TIMES NEWSLETTER July 2009 Edition

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HELP NEEDED FOR FALL DOG SHOW!

**Manitowoc County Kennel Club
All Breed Obedience Show
September 12 & 13**

Set up Friday the 11th

- **Grooming Room set up and floor taping – Contact Jane Lohmeyer
682-1177**
- **Camping – Escorting campers to assigned sites – Contact
Chuck Lohmeyer 682-1177**

Oh man, can you believe that July is almost over already? Seems like summer just flies by faster and faster every year! Soon the “dog days of summer” will be upon us! I hope that this newsletter finds you having lots of fun with your canine friends. Whether it is training for an upcoming dog show, getting ready for the upcoming hunting season or just having fun with your pet, I hope you are having a wonderful summer. As we do look ahead though, September will bring the Fall Dog Show right here in Manitowoc County. Even if you are showing your dog, it is an excellent opportunity to pick up some of those volunteer hours. Just above are just two opportunities for helping, but there are many others as you will see below!

Have you considered which classes you are going to take this fall, or better still, which ones you would like to assist with? As always, there is an abundance of opportunities for training and spending quality time with your furry friends.

Summer may be flying by quickly, but don't miss your last opportunities to spend some fun time with your pet!



Opportunity knocks!

Do you love to bake? Becky Noel is the chair-person for the bake sale, which is to be held at the Fall Dog Show on Saturday, September 12th. Becky is requesting food donations for the bake sale. If you could possibly bake something for the fall show, please to call (920) 437-2931 ahead of time and let her know what items (cookies, bars, bread) you can donate. Baked items can be dropped off at the show site early Saturday morning. Just a little bonus, did you know that you earn 1 hour for every baked item that you donate? Check your hours, how many do you need yet???

Becky Noel

The Fall Show is fast approaching and our club will be hosting 4 trials in 2 days—a first in this area of the country. We need people to help steward in Rally—no experience is necessary—we will train you. The dates are Sept 12 and 13th. Any time that you can assist us is much appreciated. Morning / afternoon or a whole day or days. Please email me at tollefson@tm.net if you are able to help, and what times you would have free. If you are showing, we will accommodate your schedule. Thanks so much.

Jennifer Tollefson and Laurale Stern—Rally Chairpersons

AKC Licensed Trial at the Valders grounds in August.

MCKC's annual AKC Licensed Trial is the first full weekend in August (August 7, 8 and 9). We will be looking for help as usual for all 3 days (Friday, Saturday and Sunday). The Derby and Open stakes are scheduled to start on Friday. Amateur and Qualifying stakes are scheduled to begin on Saturday. The Amateur, Qualifying, and perhaps the Open will still be running on Sunday. Details of the trial and information on entries are on WWW.rftentry.com. Entries can be electronically done at that site or mailed to RFTentry's address. Entries Close on July 29 at 11.00 am.

As you are aware, you can earn work hours towards your 25 hour requirement by working at this event. We need help all 3 days so let me know if you'll be able to work 1, 2, or all 3 days. This event is a large revenue producer for the club and we count on club members help to put this on. So please, even if you may have satisfied your work hours, join us out at the Valders grounds.

Suggested items to bring with you include: bug spray, a folding chair, white shirt or T-shirt, and rain gear. Again as in the past, MCKC will provide lunch. Please let me know ASAP, if you haven't already, of your availability by responding to my e-mail. I will identify the reporting time to you by e-mail. If questions, please call by phone or e-mail me. My telephone number is, 920-565-3441.

Thanks, Jim Powers, Field Trial Chair

Did you catch ALL the opportunities for volunteering? The possibilities are endless!!!!

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Kay Christel Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
Fantasia's Trix Are For Kids CD,RN,CGC

Trixie earned her Rally Novice title on May 16th in Oshkosh with placements.
Trixie also earned her Companion Dog title June 27th in West Bend with placements.
Now we're off to Open Obedience!!!!!! To be continued.....!!

Spot Speaks

Do you remember a few months back, the book "Speaking for Spot" was donated to our club's library for anyone to read. Nancy Kay, the veterinarian who wrote the book sends out notes if interest to me from her blog. I thought this one was of particular interest!

Dog Days of Summer

Some of us take "dog days of summer" literally- we want to go everywhere accompanied by our beloved canine companions! As tempting as this may be, keep in mind that when temperatures are soaring your dog is likely best served by staying home. Heat has the potential to be hazardous to a dog's health.

Dogs are incapable of significant sweating- their only sweat glands are located on the undersides of their paws. The major mechanism by which dogs dissipate heat is by panting, but this cooling system is easily overwhelmed when the temperatures climb. Panting becomes even less effective in humid conditions or for dogs with underlying respiratory tract ailments (collapsing trachea, laryngeal paralysis, lung diseases). Bulldogs, Pugs, Boston Terriers, and others I lovingly refer to as "smoosh-faced" breeds readily overheat because of their unique upper respiratory tract anatomy.

What happens when dogs get too hot? The result can be heatstroke, a life threatening condition. Symptoms of heatstroke tend to occur abruptly and can include increased heart rate, labored breathing, weakness, collapse, purplish gum color, and even seizures and coma. Of all the "summertime diseases," veterinarians dread heatstroke the most because we know that, even with aggressive therapy, many heatstroke victims will succumb to organ damage and death.

Most cases of canine heatstroke are a result of confinement in cars. Perhaps the vehicle was parked in the shade, but the sun shifted, or a well-intentioned person thought that leaving the windows cracked or returning to the car quickly would be a safe bet. Over-activity in the heat is another common cause of heatstroke. The desire to chase the ball trumps all else, and the person throwing it doesn't recognize when it's time to quit.

If you suspect your dog has or is on the verge of heatstroke, spend just a few minutes cooling him off with water from a hose or covering him with towels soaked in cool water. Then get to the closest veterinary hospital as quickly as possible. Time is of the essence- the earlier heatstroke is detected and treated, the greater the likelihood of a positive outcome.

Knowledge is power when it comes to preventing heatstroke. Here are some pointers to help keep your best buddy safe during these hot summer months:

- Never leave your dog inside the car on warm or hot days. A panting dog in an enclosed space quickly creates a muggy greenhouse environment that can quickly cause heatstroke. Even with the windows down, temperatures inside a car can rise to 120 degrees or more. If you happen upon a dog confined in a car on a hot day, find the owner of the vehicle or contact a police officer- whichever will most rapidly liberate the dog from danger.
- Exercise your dog early in the morning or during evening hours to avoid the heat of the day.
- Allow for plenty of rest and water breaks during play activity and exercise. Your dog may not know his limits and will continue to enthusiastically chase the Frisbee even when his internal thermometer is getting ready to blow a fuse.
- Keep your dog indoors, ideally in air conditioning, on very hot days.
- If your dog is left outside, be sure he has plenty of shade and provide him with access to a sprinkler, wading pool, or sand pit soaked with water.
- If flying with your dog during the summer months, schedule your flight for nighttime or early morning. Check with the airlines to find out whether or not the cargo hold is temperature controlled.

Now, here's wishing you and your four-legged best friend a most enjoyable and safe summer!

Best wishes,

Nancy Kay, DVM

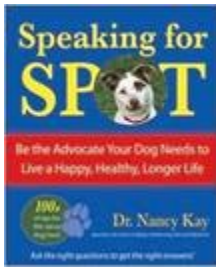
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August Club Meeting

Remember that August 5th is the date for our next regular meeting at the clubhouse. Just a reminder that the Sheriff's Canine Unit is going to put on a demonstration at the meeting at 7:00. Hope to see you there.

Ginny Orheim

