



JUNE 2008

Announcements

Thank You

Marcy wants to take a moment to thank **all** the volunteers who came to help out at the trial this weekend. It was a very successful event!

Many of these volunteers spent most of the weekend helping and out and we really appreciate their time and effort.

Specifically I want to thank: Janet Ball, Stefanie Bowers, Nancy Brown, Jessica Bruns, Jill Dolberg, Vicky Graybill, Dave Hayes, Jack Higgins, Robin James, Kara Merchant, Cheri Miller, Diane Nitz, Jerry Peterson, Marilyn Scheffler, Angie Sitzman,

Georgette Wolters, Kathy Zupancic

I **especially** want to thank the following volunteers for being on the trial committee and/or helping out to the very end. Most of these volunteers came out to the building to help unload the van:

Martha Anderson, Kerry Augustine, Jennifer Brown, Donna Bundy, Rosalie Claussen, Georgia Davis, Cheryl and Dave Griffith, Vince Kamrath, Jayne Sebby, Elbert Traylor, Eileen Van Lent, Lisa Vann, Judy Vitamvas

Without all the hard work and dedication this trial

would not have been nearly as successful nor as fun. I want to apologize if I missed anyone, our volunteers were the best. —**Marcy Graybill**

Annual Picnic

Sunday, July 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the GLOC building. Bring a doggy item for the auction!



Inside This Issue

Board Minutes	2
Treasurer's Report	3
Raisins and Grapes	4
Braggs	6

2008 Officers

President

Elbert Traylor

Past President

Janet Ball

Vice President

Cheryl Griffith

Recording Secretary

Staci Sullivan

Treasurer

Vince Kamrath

Corresponding Secretary

Rosalie Claussen

Board of Directors

Nancy Bowen
Noelie Sherdan
Jennifer Brown
Georgia Davis
Marcy Graybill

Answer the GLOC Phones

Listed below is the schedule for the remainder of May through July

May 18
Marcy at 742-9015

May 29
Judy at 423-1498

June 1
Sharon at 488-8983

June 8
Janet 416-5540

June 15
Marcy

June 22
Judy

June 29
Sharon

July 6
Janet

July 13
Marcy

July 20
Judy

July 27
Sharon





American Bulldog

The American Bulldog is a brave and determined, but not hostile dog. Alert and self-confident, this breed genuinely loves children. It is known for its acts of heroism towards its master.



Cairn Terrier

The Cairn Terrier is a spirited, hardy, restless little busybody - a big dog in a small dog's body. Alert, loyal, merry, lovable and mischievous. They are somewhat independent, but friendly.

NOTE: General meeting minutes were unavailable as of publication. However President Elbert Traylor indicated the discussion topics were similar.

Board Meeting Minutes June, 2008

Present: Elbert Traylor, Georgia Davis, Jennifer Brown, Staci Sullivan, Noelle Sherdon, Marcy Graybill, Cheryl Griffith, and Vince Kamrath.

Absent: Rosalie Clausen, Janet Ball and Nancy Bowen

First order of business was to adjourn the May meeting. Noelle made the motion to adjourn and Marcy seconded the motion, the motion was passed and the May meeting was adjourned.

To begin with Marcy brought in new handouts for the activity pass renewal/payments, membership applications and the revised books for the obedience classes. All looked terrific and the board gave her the go ahead to proceed with them as she needed.

Georgia made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed to the board. Noelle seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as emailed to the board.

Marcy gave the training report. The summer schedule is out. There will be a sampler class beginning on June 23rd. She will contact people as needed for the various disciplines that will be taught in the class. The dog participation in the June 14 event at Holmes Lake was cancelled. They event will

still be held, the club will not be able to do demonstrations as those in charge decided they did not want any dogs involved. Elbert will contact them about a booth for GLOC so we can hand out information.

Cheryl gave the agility report. Lisa did a great job as the secretary for the spring trial. The trial was a success. 10/11 News did a small interview. Jennifer and Cheryl will double check with Lisa to be sure all the paperwork is in. The agility representative came by the building and went over equipment and flooring. He was very positive with his comments and thought we had a great facility. There was mention of possibly sending out the fall premium with pictures of the building. Marcy and Cheryl did a 4-H demonstration at the Events center and it was a great success.

Staci gave the flyball report. There will be no fall trial this year. Nothing new in the classes to report.

With all the severe weather we have had, and not enough windows or communication we needed some way to know when to dismiss students from the building. Marcy made a motion to have Jerry pur-

chase a weather alert radio up to \$50. Cheryl seconded the motion. The motion was passed and Elbert will talk to Jerry about this.

Vince gave the treasurer report which will be printed elsewhere in The Barker. There should be around a \$2000 profit. Vince will have the CPA file the 990EZ the club is required to turn in. We were given an extension until August. He reissued the check to the AKC agility judge.

Elbert went over the new lease agreement. The club will be responsible for the inside maintenance (lights), mowing out front. The fence will come down and the pipes will be wrapped. Elbert will sign the new lease agreement.

Nolie made a motion to move next month's meeting due to the holiday being on a Friday. Marcy seconded the motion. It will now be on July 13 at 6:00 pm, potluck as usual; there will also be an auction of gently used dog items. The Board meeting will be at 5:00 pm on July 13.

Marcy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cheryl seconded the motion. It was approved and the meeting was adjourned.

Dog Days Mean Special Care For Dogs by Bash Dibra

"Dog days can be deadly to dogs," warns trainer Bash Dibra. When the thermometer climbs to nearly 100 degrees, with humidity to match intelligent humans head for the air conditioning. Dogs can't always do that; and yet with a normal temperature of 102 degrees, dogs are far more susceptible to heat prostration than humans. And they're dependent on their human caretakes to protect them.

Says Dibra, "It's important to take steps to ensure that a dog doesn't overheat in hot humid weather." Here are his guidelines for preventing heatstroke, and possible death.

Don't make your dog run along beside you as you jog, bike or skate. Don't ask your dog to run at all in severe heat. A brisk walk in the cool of early morning or late evening is sufficient exercise. Remember to bring along bottled water and a plastic drinking cup for the animal.

Don't tie a dog out doors during a heat wave. If it can't remove itself from the sun, it's likely to suffer heat stroke. (*Who in our club would tie a dog out?*)

Do be sure the dog has a cool place to retreat to; under a porch, for example, or the shade of a tree.

Do hose your dog down if it seems to be overheating. This will lower body temperature quickly. (*Check with your vet first!*)

Do supply your dog with plenty of water. Dogs perspire through salivation and need plenty of cool

water.

Don't leave your dog in a non-air conditioned space unless it can get to a "cool spot" (such as bathroom tiles.) If your apartment isn't air conditioned, feed the dog ice cubes to keep its body temperature.

Never leave your dog in a parked car in intense heat, even with the windows partly open. Your dog wont survive.

Remember: A dog's normally high body temperature makes it an easy target for heat stroke. It's your job to protect your pet!

—Reprinted from *Lead and Collar-Belleview Dog Obedience Club*



TREASURERS REPORT FOR MAY 2008

	March	April	May	YTD
Income:	\$5,980.00	\$1,473.11	\$9,333.72	\$20,302.98
Expenses:	\$6,626.03	\$3,719.72	\$4,913.87	\$24,881.14
Total:	(\$ 646.03)	(\$2246.61)	\$4419.85	(\$ 4578.16)

Money Market:	06-01-08	\$ 9,574.61
Checking Account:	05-31-08	\$10,265.54
Certificate of Deposit	06-04-08	<u>\$ 5,737.53</u>

TOTAL \$25,577.68

Respectfully submitted, Vince Kamrath, Treasurer

Raisins & Grapes: Bad for Your Dog

Based on report provided by VMRCVM Vet Notes

Animal Poison Control Center has documented multiple cases of grape and raisin poisoning in dogs within the last couple of years. Presumably, this has occurred in the past but attributed to other causes.

What Kind of Grapes & Raisins?

The source of the problem has been varied. Grapes of **all** varieties and growing conditions (*including* homegrown) have been implicated. Raisins are usually made from white seedless grapes, but **all raisins** of any source should be considered kidney toxic (chocolate covered raisins as well).

Why?

The toxic principle is unknown. Grapes contain low amounts of tannins compared to acorns, a known kidney toxicant in large animals. Grapes lack significant amounts of Vitamin D, another known kidney toxicant. It is unlikely pesticide residue is involved due to the wide variety of grape types involved. So far the majority of toxicosis reports have been in dogs. However, feeding grapes or raisins to cats and ferrets should also be discouraged, as poisonings have been reported in these species as well.

How Many Would Poison Your Dog?

The minimum toxic dose is approximately 0.3 oz/kg body weight. This would correspond to about 2 grapes per kg body weight, or roughly 1 grape per pound of body weight.

15 lb dog = 12-14 grapes could be deadly 25 lb.

dog = 23 grapes could be deadly 50 lb.

dog = 50+ grapes could be deadly 75 lb.

dog = 75 grapes could be deadly

Raisins, having lost their water content are considered more toxic at 6 raisins per kg of body weight, or 2-3 raisins per pound of body weight. Think how many raisins are in ONE small snack pack of raisins maybe enough to kill your dog.

15 lb. dog = 30-45 raisins could be deadly
25 lb. dog = 50-75 raisins could be deadly
50 lb. dog = 100-150 raisins could be deadly
75 lb. dog = 150-225 raisins could be deadly

What are the symptoms?

Symptoms appear 6-24

hours after the dog eats raisins or grapes (average is 12 hours). Initially, symptoms are gastro-intestinal signs, followed by kidney problems.

Vomiting is usually the primary sign, with diarrhea, depression/lethargy, anorexia, colic, dehydration and sharply



decreased urine output. The course of the toxicosis is anywhere from 3 days to 3 weeks. Dogs with kidney

problems have a guarded to poor prognosis.

Diagnosis is based on history of recent exposure and clinical signs. On bloodwork, the kidney values are increased. Typically BUN, creatinine, phosphorus and potassium are elevated (sometimes serum calcium as well). The urine sediment will have hyaline casts and the urine specific gravity will be either hyposthenuric or isosthenuric (diluted to the concentration of water of less concentrated than water) at SG 1.006 to 1.010.

Treatment

If the raisins or grapes have been ingested within 2-3 hours, vomiting should be induced followed by activated charcoal to limit further absorption. Treatment is based on preventing further absorption if appropriate and maintaining urine output & electrolyte balance. The vet may also give an osmotic cathartic (to speed up GI passage of toxin without absorption). The animal should receive an isotonic saline solution IV at twice maintenance rates for 48 hours. Anti-nausea medication, diuretics and peritoneal dialysis may be needed in some cases.

Source: <http://www.flyingdogpress.com/raisins.html>



Pet Theft On The Rise

Dog Owners and Breeders Advised to Keep Dogs Safe at Home and on the Road

The American Kennel Club is warning pet owners and breeders about an alarming rise in dog thefts in recent months. From parking lots to pet stores and even backyards, more dogs are disappearing. In the first three months of 2008, the AKC has tracked more than 30 thefts from news and customer reports, versus only ten for all twelve months of 2007.

Media reports have chronicled the escalation of these "dog-nappings" from all around the country. Incidents have included armed robbers entering a breeder's home, tiny puppies being stuffed into purses at pet stores and most recently, purebred pets being snatched from cars in parking lots and even shelters.

"The value of pets in people's lives has been on the rise for a long time and now we are seeing thieves trying to capitalize on this. Whether they seek to resell the dog, collect a ransom or breed the dogs and sell their offspring, thieves seem to be attuned to the increased financial and emotional value pets have in our lives," said AKC spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "Losing a treasured family pet is devastating to the owner."

"Criminals look for weaknesses and exploit them. They know pets can't protect themselves, so that means owners need to be alert," said Lt. John Kerwick, a law enforcement K-9 handler and the President of the U.S. Police Canine Association, Region 7. "Be wary of anyone who approaches you and asks too many questions about your dog or where you live. This is a red flag that they may be out to snatch your pet."

The AKC offers the following advice to prevent your "best friend" from being a target of a crime:

At Home

*** Don't let your dog off-leash.**

Keeping your dog close to you reduces the likelihood it will wander off and catch the attention of thieves. A Saint Bernard that had wandered away from his owner in Nebraska was snatched up right off the road.

*** Don't leave your dog unattended in your yard.**

Dogs left outdoors when no one is home for long periods of time can be potential targets, especially if you live in a rural area and the fenced-in yard or dog runs are visible from the street.

*** Keep purchase price to yourself.**

If strangers approach you to admire your dog during walks, don't answer questions about how much the dog cost or give details about where you live.

*** Breeders need to be aware of home visits by potential puppy buyers.**

Criminals posing as would be "puppy buyers" have visited breeder homes to snatch dogs, while other homes have been burglarized when the owner was away. From Yorkies in Los Angeles to Bulldogs in Connecticut, thieves have targeted young puppies of these highly coveted breeds.

On the Road

*** Never leave your dog in an unattended car, even if it's locked.**

Even if you are gone for only a moment, an unlocked car is an invitation for trouble. Also leaving expensive items in the car such as a GPS unit or laptop will only invite thieves to break and possibly allow the dog to escape.

*** Don't tie your dog outside a store.**

This popular practice among city dwelling dog owners can be a recipe for disaster. Reports have surfaced of such thefts in Manhattan. If you need to go shopping, patronize only

dog-friendly retailers or leave the dog at home.

*** Be vigilant when entering or leaving establishments or venues.**

Catering to dogs such as grooming salons, veterinarians, doggie day care or hotels Be aware of your surroundings, such as slow moving vehicles, or people watching you and your dog. Carry pepper spray as a precaution and, if possible, don't walk alone late at night or stay in a well lit area.

Recovery

*** Protect your dog with microchip**

Identification Collars and tags can be removed so make sure you have permanent ID with a microchip. Keep contact information current with your recovery service provider. Several pets have been recovered because of alert people scanning and discovering microchips. For more information and to enroll your pet in a 24 hour recovery service visit www.akccar.org.

* If you suspect your dog has been stolen immediately call the police / animal control in the area your pet was last seen.

Have fliers with a recent photo ready to go if your dog goes missing Keep a photo of your dog in your wallet or on an easily accessible web account so that you can distribute immediately if your pet goes missing.

http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=3467



Contact Us



Greater Lincoln Obedience Club

5740 Johanna Road
P.O. Box 84031
Lincoln, NE 68501

PHONE:
402-464-65291

E-MAIL:
glocbarker@gmail.com

WEB:
www.glocdogs.org

About Our Organization...

Greater Lincoln Obedience Club was founded in 1963. We are dedicated to teaching you to train your dog. We promote responsible dog ownership and as well as many dog sports. We offer classes in basic obedience, competition obedience, agility, fly-ball, tracking and others. All our instructors are volunteers.

Brag

Border Collies, Bizzy and Zippy,

Earned their Rally Advanced "B" titles May 31st, and their first Rally Excellent "B" legs June 1st, at the Council Bluffs Kennel Club Obedience Trial in Avoca Iowa.

Kathleen Wingard and Roxie

Kathleen Wingard and Roxie traveled to Michigan for the 10th Annual Canine Performance Events (CPE) National Agility Trial. Their Jumpers run officially finished their C-ATCH (CPE Agility Team Champion). Roxies C-ATCH consists of 96 qualifying runs and includes 80 first place finishes. In addition to finishing the C-ATCH,

the other highlights of this national competition were Roxies brilliant performance in Standard Level 5 where she finished 3rd out of 56 dogs and Wildcard Level 5 with a 2nd place in a field of 44 dogs.

Kathleen Wingard and Roxie also completed the United Agility Champion Excellent (UACHX) title granted by the United Kennel Club. Under judge Pat Guticz, Roxie earned a score of 199 out of 200 in Level 3. This is Roxie's 49th agility title across multiple venues in a career spanning 4 years.

Lisa Vann and Kara

Kara earned her CDX on June 1st at the Council Bluffs Kennel Club Obedience Trial with a 195.5 and 1st place. She is now Konza Tyme CDX RN. Kara also earned two Rally Advanced legs with scores of 100 and 97 for two 1st places.



Georgia Davis and Cody, K & G's Cowboy Cody Blue (*blue merle Australian Shepherd*)

Earned their first leg in Standard Novice A with a 2nd place, a second leg in Jumps With Weaves with a first place, and a second leg in Standard with a 3rd place. Just one more leg for each to go!



Do you have a brag or a new puppy? Send information to the editor (mscheffler1@unl.edu) by the 15th of each month.

Be sure to include the dog's registered name, accomplishment, date and show (if necessary), and who is submitting the brag.

Pictures are welcome!