



MAY 2008

Announcements

Note from the editors...

Your Barker editor found many wonderful articles from members and others contributed under the previous editors. Items of interest, articles, and training tips would be welcomed for future issues of The Barker.

Thank You

We would like to extend our "Thanks and Gratitude" to all who pitched in and helped at our tournament. Without the club members great effort our tournament could not have been as successful as it was. We had many compliments on our organization and especially on how our membership stepped up to the plate to help out where ever they could. The team truly appreciates all the support

everyone gave us.

Our judge, Danny Fitts, commented on how wonderful the membership was over the weekend and was impressed about their hard work. He said all the effort created a stress free and relaxed tournament.

On a personal note, I would like to thank my team members for all the donations they made for the raffle as well as for the other team who helped us out with the mats. It was a great tournament and we all deserve a pat on the back!
—Staci and The Checkered Flag K9s

Due to the extended Board meeting sessions regarding the building,

the Board minutes will be included in next month's Barker.

I Love My Dog Expo Has Unanticipated Positive Outcome

The I Love My Dog Expo prompted The Entrepreneurship Focus Program to write a report on the results for a State DECA competition in the area of Public Relations. DECA is a high school marketing association. Students come to the Entrepreneurship Focus Program from all of six high schools in Lincoln and Pius X. This was an all-school project, so the students involved in the actual EXPO were from each of these schools. Students won at the State Level and are in the process of "tweaking" the project/paper and will be competing at the National level the end of April in Atlanta Georgia. The actual presenters at the State and National competition are from Southwest and North Star High Schools. Club advisor is Trudy Hines.

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**There will be
NOT be a
Show 'n Go
for the month of
May!**

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Jerry addressed the mat issue that was brought up via email.

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If anyone would like more information please talk to Jerry Petersen or go to the club web site at www.glocdogs.org

General Meeting Minutes May 1, 2008



Dachshund

Lively and affectionate; proud and bold, almost rash. Tenacious. Can be willful and downish. Curious and mischievous, they are very clever and may attempt to train the owner rather than allow the opposite.



Doberman Pinscher

Bred for a century to be an outstanding guard dog, the Doberman Pinscher is intense and energetic with tremendous strength and stamina. Versatile, highly intelligent and very easy to train. Determined, fearless and assertive, but not vicious. Noble, loyal and affectionate with the family. It likes to be physically close to the family members. De-

Present:

Georgia Davis, Nancy Bowen, David Hayes, Marilyn Scheffler, Donna Ruhl, Jerry Petersen, Kathy Zupancic, Marta Anderson, Cheryl Griffith, Mary Schweitzer, Robin James, Marcy Graybill, Rosalie Clausen, Jill Morstad, Lisa Vann, Margot Peterson, Vince Kamrath, Elbert Traylor, Staci Sullivan, and Eileen VanLent.

Guests:

Karen Coulter and Priscilla Handy

Minutes:

Marcy made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in The Barker. Cheryl seconded the motion. The motion passed and the minutes were accepted.

Vince gave the treasurer's report. (Printed elsewhere in The Barker)

Remember the agility trial is coming up May 16 - 18. Volunteers are still needed. Georgia Davis is in charge of the raffle, if you are interested in providing something for the raffle please contact her. The trial is being held at the State Fair Grounds 4-H Youth Complex. The Runs are up for this year.

The fall obedience trial at the Lancaster Events Center will be held in the same room as the conformation show.

Marcy is looking for instructors for the upcoming mid-May classes. If you are interested please contact her.

Staci asked for volunteers for the flyball tournament on May 3-4.

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Readings:

1st Genevieve Randall
1st Priscilla Handy
2nd Karen Coulter
2nd Nancy Nolte

Welcome our new members Karen and Nancy!!

Marilyn needs anything such as brags or articles, which are to go in The Barker by the **Tuesday following the general meeting.** This will allow her to get The Barker out in a timely fashion and allow the membership to get the

information before events have passed.

There will be no May Show 'n Go. The club is going to keep the Show 'n Go's on Sundays.

David Hayes asked if Rene Hansen would contact him, or another club member. If any club member knows Rene please talk to David.

Elbert talked about the substantial increase the landlord would like to make on the rent. The board will go over finances and then Elbert will talk to Killian.

Marcy made a motion to adjourn the meeting to get to the program on aggression in dogs, presented by Jill Morstad. Rosalie seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Jill presented an awesome and informative presentation on aggression in dogs.



The Ten Commandments for Pet Owners

1. My life is likely to last 10 to 15 years. Any separation from you will be very painful.
2. Give me time to understand what you want from me. Do not break my spirit with your temper, though I will always forgive you. Your patience and understanding will teach me more quickly those things you want me to learn.
3. Have me spayed or neutered.
4. Treat me kindly, my beloved friend, for no heart in all the world is more grateful for your kindness than mine. Don't be angry with me for long, and don't lock me up as punishment. After all, you have your job, your friends, your entertainment. I have only you.
5. Speak to me often. Even if I don't understand all your words, I understand your voice when it's speaking to me. Your voice is the sweetest sound I ever hear, as you must know by my enthusiastic excitement when your footsteps fall upon my waiting ear.
6. Please take me inside when it's cold and wet. I'm a domestic animal and am no longer accustomed to the bitter elements. I ask for little more than your gentle hands petting me. Keep my bowl filled with clean water; I cannot tell you when I'm thirsty. Feed me good food so that I may stay well, to romp and play and do your bidding, to be by your side, and stand ready, willing and able to share with you my life, for that is what I live for. However you treat me, I'll never forget it.
7. Don't hit me. Remember, I have teeth that could easily crush the bones in your hand, but I choose not to bite you.
8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I am not getting the right food, I've been out in the sun too long, or my heart may be getting old and weak.
9. Take care of me when I get old. You will grow old too.
10. When I am very old, when I no longer enjoy good health, please do not make heroic efforts to keep me going. I am not having fun. Just see to it that my trusting life is taken gently. And be with me on that difficult journey when it is time to say goodbye. Never say, "I can't bear to watch". Everything is easier for me when you are there.



TREASURERS REPORT FOR APRIL 2008

	February	March	April	YTD
Income:	\$1552.15	\$5,980.00	\$1,473.11	\$10,969.26
Expenses:	<u>\$3,908.56</u>	<u>\$6,626.03</u>	<u>\$3,719.72</u>	<u>\$19,967.27</u>
Total:	(\$2,356.41)	(\$ 646.03)	(\$2,246.61)	(\$8,998.01)
Money Market:	05-01-08	\$ 9,570.41		
Checking Account:	04-30-08	\$ 5,845.69		
Certificate of Deposit	05-04-08	<u>\$ 5,716.13</u>		

TOTAL \$21,132.23

Respectfully submitted, Vince Kamrath, Treasurer

Spring Means Tick Season

As spring is upon us, parasites including ticks are at their most active. As we spend more time outdoors with our dogs, the chances of picking up ticks increases (but don't assume just because it is winter your dog won't show symptoms of tick borne diseases). If you've stopped your use of flea and tick preventatives during the winter months, now's the time to start using them again.

Tick Disease is a catch-all phrase for the following group of diseases that can infect animals and man. Dogs may be multiply-infected; having more than one of these organisms. Infection does not create immunity, dogs can easily become re-infected.

Most common tick borne diseases include the following:

- Babesiosis Lyme Disease
- Ehrlichiosis*
- Canine Anaplasmosis
- Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF)

Lyme Disease

Lyme disease is caused by a bacterium and is transmitted by the deer tick (often referred to as the black-legged tick). Signs of Lyme disease in dogs are hard to de-

tect. Warning signs may not appear until several months after infection, may come and go, and can be confused with other illnesses in dogs. Cases vary from mild to severe. In severe cases of Lyme disease, kidney failure can occur. Lyme disease has been found throughout the United States.

Most common signs of Lyme disease:

- Recurrent arthritis/lameness that lasts 34 days, sometimes accompanied by loss of appetite and depression
- Reluctance to move or a stiff, painful gait
- Swollen joints that are warm to the touch
- Pain in the legs or throughout the body
- Fever, fatigue and swollen lymph nodes

Canine Ehrlichiosis [ur-lik-ee-oh-sis]

Canine ehrlichiosis is caused by a bacterium and is transmitted by the brown dog tick. Warning signs may not be readily apparent. If left untreated, the disease progresses to a symptom-free phase, which can last days, months or years. Mild signs appear to mimic a vague illness, the most obvious sign of which is weight loss. Severe cases of canine ehrlichiosis that go undi-



agnosed and untreated can end in death. Canine ehrlichiosis is found throughout the United States.

Most common signs of canine ehrlichiosis:

- Fever
- Runny eyes and nose
- Loss of appetite
- Depression
- Weight loss
- Swollen lymph glands
- Eye disease
- Retinal bleeding
- Spontaneous nose bleeds
- Bruising (petechiae) on gums and belly
- Swelling of limbs

Canine Anaplasmosis

Sometimes referred to as dog fever, or dog tick fever, canine anaplasmosis is caused by the bacteria Anaplasmosis is an infectious disease that is caused by a bacteria that is carried by deer ticks. In general most pets will show signs within 10-14 days after getting the infection. However, there are some cases where the pet will become sick months later. In most cases the signs appear suddenly.

Another form of Canine Anaplasmosis is caused by the brown dog tick. Although these two

forms of Anaplasmosis have different signs, both are a serious threat to your dog's health. Canine anaplasmosis is also found throughout the United States.

Sometimes referred to as dog fever, or dog tick fever, canine anaplasmosis is also caused by a bacteria and is transmitted by the deer tick (often referred to as the black-legged tick), that also transmits Lyme disease.

Most common signs of canine anaplasmosis:

- Arthritis-like stiffness with painful joints
- High fever accompanied by lethargy, loss of appetite, vomiting and diarrhea
- Neurological signs (infrequent) resulting in seizures and neck pain
- Liver and kidney problems

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever

Rocky Mountain spotted fever in dogs is caused by a bacteria and transmitted by the American dog tick, the wood tick, and the lone star tick. In most cases, Rocky Mountain spotted fever in dogs lasts about two weeks, but in severe cases it can result in death.

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Spring Means Tick Season...continued

Despite its name, Rocky Mountain spotted fever is found throughout most of the United States.

Most common signs of Rocky Mountain spotted fever:

- Fever
- Skin lesions
- Stiffness when walking
- Neurological abnormalities
- Lethargy
- Depression

There are two major types of tests available for tick-borne diseases: **direct** tests such as PCR testing look for direct evidence of the presence of the organism itself. **Indirect** tests such as IFA titer, ELISA and Western blot tests look for the presence of antibodies against a particular organism.

Sources:

http://www.dogsandticks.com/dog_tick_diseases/index.html#symptoms
http://www.grca.org/health/flea_tick.html
<http://www.dogsandticks.com/>
<http://www.mirage-samoyeds.com/tick.htm>

How to Remove a Tick

You've located the little vampire and now you need to get him out of your dog.

1. Pull the surrounding hairs away from the tick's body.



2. Take the tweezers and grasp the tick as close to the buried head as you can possibly get.

3. Do **not** squeeze, but pull gently up and away from the dog, slowly to be sure not to break off the head of the tick.

4. Toss the tick in toilet and flush. Wash your hands and your dog's skin with antibacterial soap.

If you suspect you may have left a piece of tick still embedded under your pet's skin, please seek veterinary care immediately. The resulting infections could be serious.

Tick Prevention

Tick preventatives are often sold by prescription only, so your dog may need to have a vet check-up beforehand.

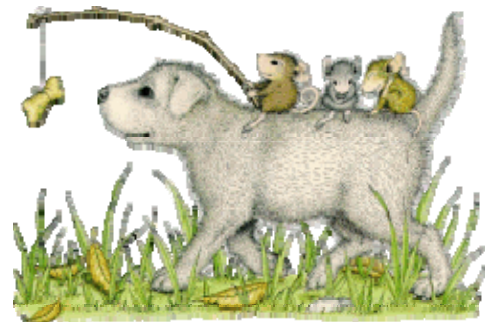
All of these tick preventatives kill adult ticks that attach themselves to the dog, and all are combination pesticides (kill parasites, too).

- Biospot: kills ticks, fleas, and repels mosquitoes
- K9 Advantix: kills ticks, fleas, and mosquitoes
- Frontline: kills ticks and fleas
- Frontline Plus: kills ticks and fleas
- Revolution: kills ticks, fleas, heartworm larvae, and some mites

Using a tick preventative is a very good way to protect your dog from tick-borne diseases, but your diligence in finding and removing ticks before they attach is the best preventative measure of all.

"There is a considerable portion of dog training which is actually thinly disguised abuse. It has little to do with education of an animal, but it does have a lot to do with our egos, our assignment of importance to relatively unimportant actions, and our own deeply seated beliefs about animals. Humane training begins with a critical look at the premises and assumptions which undergird many traditional approaches. We become better trainers by refusing to swallow uncritically what is tossed to us as truth, by developing our powers of empathy and observation, and by searching for better ways to teach and educate the dogs we love."

-- Suzanne Clothier



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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

On Saturday, April 26, Eatinrocks My-D Quinn debuted in Rally Novice B at the Seward County Kennel Club. His first adventure in the ring resulted in a score of 98 and a second place. On Sunday, his second adventure in the ring brought us a 99 (we were tied with three others) and a first place as we had the fastest time. One more leg to go! Marcy Graybill

Patti Folden and Tooley finished their Companion Dog title in Seward, Nebraska this weekend. Patti and Tooley posted back-to-back qualifying scores, and placed in the Novice A class... second on Saturday and FIRST on Sunday.

"Zippy" CH Llyr's Legacy On Fire CDX RN OA NAJ NAP NJP (Border Collie) earned her second Utility A leg with a 1st place in Grove Oklahoma. Sister "Bizzy" won her breed championship in Grove Oklahoma, winning Best of Breed, over a special, for a 3 point major. Bizzy is now: CH Bordertown Showbiz CD RN. Both are owned and handled by Mary Schweitzer

Mary Kramer and Digby earned their third leg for his RN title at Seward

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!

The Board arrived at an agreement in principle with the landlord. Details will be posted in the building when we get the agreement finalized.

Upcoming AKC Trials

May 9-11
Omaha

May 16-18
Lincoln