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NEXT MEETING will be on Monday August 13, 2007 at 6:30 PM at Debbie Brower's home. This is our annual picnic. The club will provide sandwiches, drinks and table service. You will need to bring a dish to pass and your chair. If you have an easy up that you would like to bring please arrive a few minutes early to set that up. Dogs are invited but please limit yourself to one dog per adult. You may also want to bring a crate for your dog if you have one. Lisa and Sharon are organizing games.

Debbie's address is 26404 Spirit Lane in Kennewick. Spirit Lane is off of Badger Road.

MINUTES OF THE JULY GENERAL MEETING

There was no general meeting in July.

BRAGS

Hank Werner and Laney have earned 3 legs toward the AKC Junior Hunter title this past month. Laney needs 1 more qualifying test to earn her Junior Hunter title. Unlike Obedience and Agility it takes 4 legs to title.

Woohooo!!!! Bob and Sharon Woods have two new breed champions. Cedro and Chai each took 3 four point majors at the Montana cluster! Cedro also took Best of Breed and Chai took Best of Winners! Both dogs beat most of the nations' top Newfoundlands. I knew it was just a matter of time before they both matured. HUGE Congrats!!

Allison Brendel also heard that a Silken Windhound she bred (Space's sister) is now a dual champion! What a nice accomplishment, especially for a rare breed! Congrats to Allison and the owner!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Joanne Guhlke of Gone to the Dogs Agility will be teaching classes at Gerri Little's. These are week to week classes that means you come and pay each week. Cost is \$15. This is not affiliated with the club so you will need to coordinate with Gerri directly. Her email is canyonview1@msn.com

Susan Perry Agility Seminar – August 4- Novice/Intermediate; August 5- Advanced/Masters. www.gryphonranch.com

Sept. 15 & 16, 2007; Barb Davis agility seminar in Finley. More to come.

APDT Conference and Trade Show (Association of Pet Dog Trainers) will be held in Portland, OR this year. This conference is held once a year in a different city each year. This year's conference will be Oct 24th through the 28th. **Suzanne Clothier, Jean Donaldson, Dr. Ian Dunbar, Trish King, Pia Silvani**, and many more high profile trainers and behaviorists are scheduled to speak. Details, speaker biographies, registration and travel details are posted on the APDT website at www.APDT.com

Nov 17 and 18 – Ed Presnall tracking seminar(TD/TDX/VST) in Tri-Cities sponsored by CBDTC. Cost is \$150 for working spot, limited to 16, or \$80 for audit spot, unlimited. Flier is on the website at www.columbiabasindogtc.org

SHOW UPDATE

Our obedience trial will be held on September 29th at Columbia Park. The show site is near the blue bridge and Lampson Pits in the large grassy area. Brooke and I are working on securing stewards for the obedience rings. We need about 5 for Rally and 6 for the regular class rings plus a few “floats” to relieve people. Please consider volunteering to steward. It is fun and you can see the ring from the inside and obedience from the judges perspective. And you get a pretty good free lunch too! We will work around your show schedule if you are planning an entry in either the breed ring or obedience trial.

There are several steward positions that do not require much standing or walking. If you wish to volunteer and need to sit we do have a place for you.

To be considered a member in good standing you are required to work as a volunteer in at least 2 club sponsored events a year. The obedience trial counts as one of these events. Only members in good standing are eligible for discounted training so if you have not met your obligation yet this year please consider volunteering to qualify for reduced training.

And if you don't want to show or volunteer come out to watch!
You can email either me (jandkwoodbury@earthlink.net) or Brooke (piperwife@amerion.com) to volunteer.

THANK YOU!!!! From Lezlie

Lezlie emailed this to me and asked that I post a synopsis in the newsletter. Unfortunately I could not figure what to cut out, it was all well written and from the heart. So in it's entirety here is Lezlie's thank you to the participants and the club in general for the WSU summer camp program held the week of 17 to 20 July.

Thank you all so much for contributing to the success of the CBDTC participation in the WSU Summer Science Camp "Amazing Animals" yesterday.

As far as I am concerned, it is this type of activity that enables me to justify all of the time I spend training my dog. It was a wonderful way to share what we do with the dogs and why we love it. So many of the parents of the children I spoke with were amazed that we could have so many dogs around each other without fights or barking (we forget that most people have never been to a dog show....) and wanted to know if they could train their dogs "even though it is just a pet". So we provided a great deal of education, not only for the children, but for a significant number of adults. Not only was it good practice for our dogs. It was good experience for the dogs, too.

I want to give you a short recap of the week, because many of you were unable to see what was going on, other than the area you were involved in.

Tuesday, CBDTC provided 15 minute mini-classes, which the campers rotated between. Station 1-Eileen Michals and Doberman, Shreq spoke about the proper way to approach animals, especially dogs, and how to prevent getting bitten. For those of you in the "petting area", did you note how many children remembered to ask if they could pet your dog before they touched it? I was impressed. Station 2 was Kevin & Roseanne Davis, with their gentle whippets, Sway and Misty. They discussed caring for dogs. Matt and Audrey Ullrich and Visla, Calvin, presented "Canine Einstein" in Station 3 with tricks and dog dancing, and a handout of things that the children could do at home using their dogs natural instincts to learn tricks. Finally, Kris Stennett & myself compared her Std poodle, Reba, and my papillon, Freckles and discussed how dog breeds are different and how they are alike. Reba then demonstrated beginning obedience exercises and Freckles demonstrated some more advanced exercises, such as hand signals and scent discrimination. Freckles did 8 scent discriminations in a row perfectly, and I have a witness! Thank all of you for your time and preparation. I have received many comments from the instructors about how informative the sessions were, how good everyone was with the children and how impressed they were with the dogs' behavior during these sessions.

Friday, we had over 200 children, parents and WSU staff waiting on the hill at promptly 9:30. We were ready! To those of you whom I asked to be there early or to supervise a particular area, a special thank you- it made things run much more smoothly. A big thanks to Dan and Linda Kennedy and Dan Couch who hauled all the agility equipment and set it up at 7:30 in the morning. Dan and Dan had to cut new poles 30 minutes before the show, and they had them there ready for the run!

Shreq ran a nice tracking demo, despite wet grass, and several vehicles and people having "fouled" the track before he ever got to it. He found Teddy in front of all of the kids, so it was a success.

We were delighted to have 17 very nice dogs run an agility demonstration. We really appreciate the support we got from the Finley group- Jan, Terri, Phyllis, Jane, Cynthia and Joanne- it was wonderful to have quality dogs to demonstrate what agility really looks like! We appreciate everyone's flexibility and sportsmanship as we dealt with some last minute glitches with jumps and sprinklers, but as far as the kids, it went without a hitch. We had people coming from as far away as Yakima and Pendleton, and still got there on time! GREAT. For those of us that work at WSU, Kerri, Kristi, Sarah, and I, it was also fun to show off to our coworkers who always wonder why we have our dog's pictures in our offices.... Alyssa, Carly- your participation is always appreciated and Chance and Chloe always add some extra "showmanship" along with their agility skills. Again, thank you all for coming. I do not have Terri's email address, and if any of you Finley people do, please forward this to her. Our demo was much, much richer because of all of your participation.

After the agility demo, we were again part of a final "rotation". Sharon and Bob Wood brought their Newfoundland, Argus, who gave dog cart rides to about 150 children, along with great information about Newfoundlands!!!! After the ride, the children went into our "petting" room. We had everything from an Irish Wolfhound to a Pomeranian, with lots of things in between. Thank you to some of the agility dogs who stayed- Shay, Chloe, Brio, and Jolie, Izzy, Chance, Buddy and Freckles and Bacchus.(and also thanks to the agility people who helped put away the equipment- that was GREATLY appreciated). Linda Glaman brought bearded collie Jazz and Cynthia H brought her Shiba Inu as well. Shreq listened as children read books to him. All of the dogs got enough petting for the rest of the year. The dogs were all exemplary. I did not see or hear of a single problem with any dog the entire two days. Good job, folks! Your training has paid off.

Finally the parents could run their children through a rally course, if they wanted, to see if the children could follow directions as well as the dogs...

Carly brought a cameraman and we got an interview to plug the club and the potential building. The WSU publicity lady was there also, shooting film. She gave me a CD afterward with some of the activities. I finally got to see Woods dog cart in action, as I am usually involved in something else at the same time they are doing their thing.

We have received very positive and complementary feedback thanks to all of your time and participation. Thank you personally and from CBDTC.

Lezlie Couch

DOG SHOW CRUD

Warning!!! Dog Show Crud or the “Crud” or “DSC” is going around again.

It acts like Parvo – it is not Parvo. It is a bacterial overgrowth in the dog’s GI tract. Sometimes it is called Canine Flu but it is not true Canine Flu. Canine Flu is generally respiratory and this “crud” is all GI.

This information was provided for me by my friend Stacy. She is not a member of this club but is a fellow German Shepherd person. Some of you may have seen her at tracking at McNary Dam or over at Desert Dogs Schutzhund on Saturday mornings. She has white German Shepherds and lost her 14 week old puppy to DSC on June 21st. On June 19th Sorcha was a happy, healthy puppy; on June 21st she was dead. Stacy noticed she had vomited a little bit mid day on the 19th but thought nothing of it as she was not acting sick and hey -- dogs vomit! Later that evening she had diarrhea in her crate. Stacy decided to call the vet in the morning. Stacy checked on her at midnight and 2 AM and she seemed okay. By 5 AM on June 20th, Sorcha had bloody diarrhea in her crate and was unresponsive. Stacy put in an emergency call and a vet met her at Hermiston Vet at 6 AM. Parvo test was negative but they started her on IV fluids and antibiotics, she perked up and later that day passed a few worms. Thinking she had worms they de-wormed her and stopped the IV. They gave Stacy the option of sending her home or holding her one more night. Stacy chose to leave her there “just in case”. At 8:15 on the 21st Sorcha was found dead in her cage at the vet’s. All they could do was apologize. The necropsy found nothing but a bacterial overgrowth that overwhelmed her system. **DOG SHOW CRUD!!** The vet had no clue what it was and offered supportive care but it was not the correct response for this malady.

DSC is a bacterial overgrowth in the digestive tract, it is not Parvo or a new form of Parvo, sometimes a Parvo test may show low positive but this is not Parvo! There is no temperature with DSC as there is with Parvo, nor are there intestinal lesions. A fecal exam done before the diarrhea gets to the watery and bloody stage will show a high concentration of normal bacterial. Any one of the normal digestive bacteria can go into overgrowth. The triggers are unknown but infected urine or feces are the suspects. It is curable – if the correct protocol is started immediately. There is no vaccine for this.

Symptoms start within 12 to 48 hours of the initial contact and this can spread rapidly to other dogs in the house. Dogs act normal, are energetic and hungry. Normal feces start to show a mucous sheath, the stools get progressively softer until they become bloody with explosive diarrhea. Feces may be mustard colored before they become bloody. The dog may or may not vomit. The feces may have a sweet flowery aroma along with a “slaughterhouse on a summer day smell”. Yeah I know – gross!

The younger or weaker the dog the faster the progress and the worse they are affected. Some healthy adult dogs may get this and never need treatment.

The key to beating this is fast action before the dog becomes anorexic and treating all dogs in the home or kennel. The appropriate treatment is 250mg of Cephaloxin per 25 pounds of body weight. Pups may get Cephodrops. This must be given orally - NOT IV!! It must go through the digestive tract. If the dog vomits the medication up give it again until it stays down. Give another dose 8 to 12 hours later. If the dog returns to normal stop the treatment. It is important to stop the treatment as soon as the dog returns to normal as this overgrowth is normal bacteria and all you need to do is return the system to status quo, not kill too much.

Do not use an IV, the circulatory system is depressed and it may not support an IV. Use Lactated Ringers sub-q and force pedialyte if necessary to treat dehydration. It is a quandary as IV is the fastest way to re-hydrate but due to shock the circulatory system may collapse. There have been some cases where IV hydration has thrown dogs into shock and renal shutdown. The author of the article was unsure if the IV caused this but it always happened right after IV therapy but has never happened when there was no IV therapy. The Cephaloxin is a fast working drug so it gets to target relatively quickly. Generally the dog will turn around within a few hours. Other meds that have been used with success are Keflex, Clavamox and Baytril. One source also said Amoxy worked well another said don't use it as it fuels the overgrowth. In any case the Keflex, Cephaloxin and Baytril are all good broad spectrum antibiotics so my feeling would be to stick with them.

Worming or flea treatments or vaccines are not advised until after the dog has fully recovered.

The author's disclaimer should be posted here too - this info has been compiled by treating vets and owners. This treatment has worked. This information should be provided to your veterinarian if you suspect DSC. Don't treat or medicate your dog on your own, always use a qualified vet.

Unfortunately many vets are not aware of this. Many do not recognize it and will assume it is Parvo or a Corona Virus as it seems to present like those and it is very rapid in its onset. However it does not have the characteristic decomposing odor of Parvo and moves quickly to the hemorrhagic enteritis (explosive, bloody diarrhea) due to the rapid overgrowth of the bacteria. The consensus of many vets that do recognize DSC is that it is not caused by a strain of Campylobacteriosis but a more virulent combination of virus and bacteria hitting simultaneously.

This has long been recognized by breeders and dog show people as their dogs have been affected. Now that I know what this is I believe Kayos may have had this last fall and I believe she picked it up at the Vancouver KC show or immediately before we left. She was fine traveling down on Friday, showed well on Saturday with a nice score and a Q in Open. Sunday AM she acted like she was feeling poorly and did not want her breakfast. She refused the Drop On Recall and then threw up on the way home. She had mucousy diarrhea that night but was okay within 24 hours. I don't recall Max getting sick. As an adult dog she shook it off, a pup would not have been so fortunate.

As stated above it is unfortunate that many vets will not recognize DSC and will treat for Parvo instead to the detriment of the dog. Use all your skills at convincing your vet to use the drugs above and administer them orally with sub-q fluids as there is really nothing to lose by doing this.

Stacy took all her info to the vet. He didn't give her the time of day. Instead he blamed her for taking her unvaccinated dog to unclean places. She as many other dog owners are aware, realize that there is a risk involved with taking your young dog out before vaccines are complete, but we also realize that there is a need a socialize before we lose that 16 week window. Her comment to the vet was "I have GSD's, they MUST be socialized in safe areas from an early age". Thankfully the vet I see in this same practice is more open minded. Stacy does not think the treatment above would have saved Sorcha, she thinks it was too late already by the time she got her to the vet.

I will admit to being a bit more cautious now especially since I have a pup coming. By the time you read this we will be getting ready to pick him up. Please do not let this alarm you just use discretion and be cautious with your young dogs. Be alert for these signs and act immediately if you see them, don't wait.

www.Dogplace.com/library/dogcare/Dog_Show_Crud.htm

www.dogstuff.info?dog_shos_crud.htm

You can also google this and see what else you come up with.

GRAPES AND RAISINS!

Harmful to dogs!! Thanks to Margo Place for submitting this!

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This week I had the first case in history of raisin toxicity ever seen at Med Vet. My patient was a 56-pound, 5 yr old male neutered lab mix that ate half a canister of raisins sometime between 7:30 AM and 4:30 PM on Tuesday. He started with vomiting, diarrhea and shaking about 1AM on Wednesday but the owner didn't call my emergency service until 7AM.

I had heard somewhere about raisins AND grapes causing acute Renal failure but hadn't seen any formal paper on the subject. We had her bring the dog in immediately. In the meantime, I called the ER service at Med Vet, and the doctor there was like me - had heard something about it, but.... Anyway, we contacted the ASPCA National Animal

Poison Control Center and they said to give IV fluids at 1 ½ times maintenance and watch the kidney values for the next 48-72 hours.

The dog's BUN (blood urea nitrogen level) was already at 32 (normal less than 27) and creatinine over 5 (1.9 is the high end of normal). Both are monitors of kidney function in the bloodstream. We placed an IV catheter and started the fluids. Rechecked the renal values at 5 PM and the BUN was over 40 and creatinine over 7 with no urine production after a liter of fluids. At the point I felt the dog was in acute renal failure and sent him on to Med Vet for a urinary catheter to monitor urine output overnight as well as overnight care.

He started vomiting again overnight at Med Vet and his renal values have continued to increase daily. He produced urine when given lasix as a diuretic. He was on 3 different anti-vomiting medications and they still couldn't control his vomiting. Today his urine output decreased again, his BUN was over 120, his creatinine was at 10, his phosphorus was very elevated and his blood pressure, which had been staying around 150, skyrocketed to 220.. He continued to vomit and the owners elected to euthanize.

This is a very sad case - great dog, great owners who had no idea raisins could be a toxin. Please alert everyone you know who has a dog of this very serious risk. Poison control said as few as 7 raisins or grapes could be toxic. Many people I know give their dog's grapes or raisins as treats including our ex-handler's. Any exposure should give rise to immediate concern.

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SPOTLIGHT ON:

ME! Because I forget to ask anyone else with all the other stuff I have going on,,,,,,

In case you don't know me- I am Kathy Woodbury. I am married to Joe and we live in Umatilla. We both work out at the Umatilla Chemical Depot as Quality Assurance Specialists. We are the ammunition police- we make sure they handle the stuff right.

I was raised with dogs, my mom bred toy poodles and it was always my job to train them. I really had no clue what I was doing but they turned out okay. I was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army and married in 1980 and moved to Germany with my now - Ex-husband. He hated dogs, he hated cats worse. For 8 long years I was allowed no animals. Daniel, our son was born in 1984, and I resigned my commission to be a stay at home mom as that was what was expected of me by his father. From the time Daniel could talk he wanted a puppy but his dad said no. His dad and I went our separate ways in 1988 and I vowed to get Dan a dog as soon as I could afford to get out of an apartment and into a house. We did get a cat. In 1988 I was working as an EMT in Denver and could not have afforded a dog anyway. I could barely keep us fed. I applied for a job

with the department of defense as an ammunition quality assurance specialist in 1988, I was accepted and moved back home to Illinois for 2 years of training. In 1990 I transferred to Oklahoma where I was finally able to rent a house that allowed pets.

I started looking for a dog with the intention of getting a Dalmation. That was not Daniel's idea, however, so being the good mother I got him what he wanted - a Rin Tin Tin dog. Some of you might remember the TV remake of Rin Tin Tin- K9 Cop. That was our favorite show, Dan and I used to sit and watch every night after dinner. Unfortunately, I was terrified of German Shepherds. I tried to talk him out of it explaining that they were mean dogs but he said Rinty was NOT mean and that was what he wanted. Truthfully the only GSD I had ever met was my neighbor's when I was growing up. Gretchen was mean - because she was not socialized or trained and lived her life in a backyard. Whenever she escaped a kid got bit. The police finally took her away.

I found a "breeder" (backyard) and purchased my first GSD. Daniel named her Lucky because he felt so lucky to finally have a dog. We were lucky to have Lucky - she was terrific! I decided since she would be mean (you know those GSD's!) I had better train her. So I bought a book and trained her, the poor dog! She did survive and was very loyal and forgiving of all my mistakes. I took her to Tulsa Dog Training Club where we did obedience lessons every Tuesday. We must have been decent because they asked us to join and Lucky was the Novice class honor graduate. That backyard bred GSD ended up as a multiple high in trial dog for me. She was awesome! I retired her after a horse crushed her leg. She needed one more leg for her CDX. She went high in trial three times out of the Novice A class and once out of the Open A class. She never NQ'd. Lucky went to the bridge in Jan 2003; a week before Kayos was born. There will never be another dog like her. She worshipped us, especially Joe.

There were a few more GSD's in between but currently I have Max, my rescued problem child, and Kayos. She too has orthopedic problems and never earned her CDX. But boy oh boy can she track! By the time you read this Joe and I will be getting ready to head to Portland to pick up Havoc, the next GSD.

In 1995 I remarried after despairing of ever finding anyone that would take on a family with dogs and cats. Joe does admit the GSD's terrified him. He shook in his shoes when I made him feed them when he picked me up for our second date. When we were thinking of adding a third dog a year or so ago we looked at several different breeds. He decided that it had to be another GSD. After all there are no other breeds! (Well not for us anyway!)

BREED OF THE MONTH

The German Shepherd Dog

German Shepherds are highly intelligent, agile and well suited to active work. They are a member of the herding group and were originally developed to tend (boundary style herding) sheep in their native Germany. GSD's are also found in police, military, search

and rescue, protection, guard, therapy, guide dogs, service dogs etc as well as companions to everyday families. They are loving and loyal and enjoy being around people. Socialization for a GSD puppy is absolutely critical to avoid potential aggression and in particular aggression to other dogs.

GSD's are large and strong, males standing 24 to 26 inches and females a bit smaller at 22 to 24 inches. Weight can range from 70 to 95 pounds with males being heavier. They are double coated with a soft undercoat and harsh, flat outer coat. GSD's come in a variety of colors but the most recognizable is the typical black and tan saddle marked dog. GSD's can be black and red, black and cream, solid black, bi-color black or blanket back. GSD's also come in an agouti coat which is simply a tri-color ticking and is called "sable". The only unacceptable color is white. The coat can also vary from a short stock coat to a long coat where the outer coat is 5 or 6 inches long. A plush coat is in between. My Max is a black and red plush coat, my Kayos is a black and tan blanket back with a stock coat.

There are several breeding lines of GSD's in which the temperament, abilities and appearance can be quite different. The three main breeding lines are international showline, international working line and North American showline. The international showline is shorter in the croup and generally has deep pigment. The working line dogs are generally smaller, more active and intense. The North American showline has finer features and a more noticeable sloped back and angulated rear legs. Kayos is a North American/international showline cross, Max is an international showline. As a rule the showline dogs tend to be softer in temper and not as active and intense. The working line dog may not be suitable for some as a family pet as it is too active.

As powerful dogs with high degree of intelligence and trainability, GSD's can become dangerous and destructive if improperly bred or raised. With their uncommon strength and strong sense of loyalty they can be trained to attack and release on command. Poorly bred GSD's can be fearful, aggressive or both. GSD's are targeted by breed specific legislation in many countries, most currently Ireland. If a GSD is aggressive it is generally the result of poor breeding and improper training, socialization and control by the owner. The use of GSD's by military and law enforcement contribute to the perception of this breed as inherently dangerous. GSD's function well in many roles including family pets where aggression is unsuitable behavior. The consummate worker has a deep capacity for love and companionship. A well bred GSD of sound temper has a loving heart and is one of the easiest dogs to live with and train.

As with many large breeds GSD's are prone to hip and elbow dysplasia. They can also have von Willebrand's disease (doggy hemophilia) as well as skin allergies. They are also prone to bloat or gastric torsion.

The GSD of today rarely herds or tends sheep. In their native Germany the invention of farm equipment and the automotive age signaled the end of the tending style of herding. CPT Max von Stephanitz, the father of the breed, marketed his beloved breed to the military and police as they were exceptional guard dogs and highly protective of family

as well as outstanding herders. He developed the sport of Schutzhund (protection dog) to display the ability of the breed. Today in Germany a GSD must pass a breed certification program which includes protection and working ability before it can be bred.

You will see GSD's competing in all AKC companion events and many performance events as well. The AKC developed the herding "C" course (tending or boundary style) for the GSD. The AKC has recently blessed the WDSA (working dog sport) thanks to the efforts of the GSDCA. This is the AKC's answer to Schutzhund, the requirements are identical. In addition to protection work the dog must pass the obedience/agility/tracking portion and the temperament test.

***"Take this trouble for me: Make sure my shepherd dog remains a working dog, for I have struggled all my life long for that aim."
-- Max von Stephanitz ... "father" of the GSD.***