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Meeting Notices

The Paper Cities Kennel Club will meet Wednesday, March 16th at 7:30 p.m. at Willow Springs Gardens off of Hwy. K in Wausau.

The Board of Directors meeting will be held Wednesday, April 6th at 7:00 p.m. at Annie's Restaurant in Wausau.

In case of questionable weather or road conditions, contact any officer or board member after 5:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting to verify whether the meeting will be held.

Announcements

Thanks to John Crotteau for the making the wonderful plaques for the awards.

They look fantastic!!!!

We are lucky to have some very talented people in the club!

Make a note the April meeting will be at 7pm because of a program.

Braggs

Bit O' Chocolate Hershey's Kiss "Hershey" finished her Rally Excellent Title at the Marshfield Area Kennel Club Show in August 2010. Hershey is owned and shown by Bev Meier.

Congratulations to Bev and Hershey!!!!

Upcoming Events

March 02	PCKC Board Meeting	Annies Restaurant	Wausau, WI
March 5-6	Wis. Kennel Club, Inc.	Milwaukee, WI	Roy Jones Dog Shows
March 5-6	Detroit Kennel Club	Detroit, MI	MB-F
March 12-13	Logansport Kennel Club	Auburn, IN	Roy Jones Dog Shows
March 13	B-OB Match	Armory	Wausau, WI
March 16	PCKC Meeting	Willow Springs	Wausau, WI
March 26-27	Dubuque Kennel Club	Dubuque, IA	Onofrio Dog Shows
April 2-3	Clinton Iowa Kennel Club	De Witt	Onofrio Dog Shows
April 06	PCKC Board Meeting	Annies Restaurant	Wausau, WI
April. 8-10	Saginaw Valley Kennel Club	Birch Run, MI	MB-F
April. 9-10	Kennel Club of Yorkville Illinois	DeKalb, IL	Roy Jones Dog Shows
April. 16-17	Steele City Kennel Club, Inc.	Crown Point, IN	Roy Jones Dog Shows
April 20	PCKC Meeting	Willow Springs	Wausau, WI
April. 23-24	Fond Du Lac County KC	Fond Du Lac, WI	Roy Jones Dog Shows
April. 23-24	Waterloo Kennel Club	Waterloo, IA	Onofrio Dog Shows
April. 21	Terre Haute Kennel Club, Inc.	Terre Haute, IN	Roy Jones Dog Shows
April. 22	Bloomington Indiana KC, Inc.	Terre Haute, IN	Roy Jones Dog Shows
April. 23	Terre Haute Kennel Club, Inc.	Terre Haute, IN	Roy Jones Dog Shows
April. 24	Bloomington Indiana KC, Inc.	Terre Haute, IN	Roy Jones Dog Shows
May 7th	Canine Amb. at Bike Rodeo	Weston Police Dept.	Weston, WI
May 14-15	Indianhead Kennel Club	Eau Claire, WI	Roy Jones Dog Shows

****Interesting Web Sites****

Info Dog Site: <http://www.infodog.com/default.htm>

American Kennel Club: <http://www.akc.org/index.cfm>

Merck Veterinary Manual: <http://www.merckvetmanual.com/mvm/index.jsp>

Natural Holistic Health Care: <http://www.naturalholistic.com/nhpc/index.html>

EARS - Emergency Animal Rescue Service: <http://www.uan.org/ears/>

Therapy Dogs of Central Wisconsin: <http://www.wi-tdi-dogs.org/>

Amber Alert site for missing dogs: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/K9AmberAlert/>

Lost Dogs in Wisconsin: <http://lostdogswisconsin.webs.com/>

or facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Lost-Dogs-of-Wisconsin/395490441240>

Family Sanctuary at Peaceful Pines: <http://www.pppmemorials.com/FamilySanctuary/index.html>

Article on Bloat: <http://www.briard.com/about/liebesbloat.html>

Site about responsible breeders: http://www.akc.org/breeders/resp_breeding/resources.cfm

Lakeshore Pembroke Welsh Corgi Rescue: <http://www.lakeshorecorgirescue.org/>

Dog Federation of Wisconsin: <http://www.dfow.net/>

Dr. Patricia McConnell has a blog for training dogs: <http://www.theotherendoftheleash.com/>

Canine Vision: <http://www.uwsp.edu/PSYCH/dog/LA/DrP4.htm>

Canine Health Foundation: <http://www.caninehealthfoundation.org/>

Ask vet about medicines for pets from FDA: <http://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm205666.htm>

Information on Dogs: <http://www.doggedhealth.com/>

Breeder's Handbook: Weaning More Puppies: http://www.akc.org/enewsletter/akc_breeder/2010/spring/handbook.cfm

Hormone Replacement Products affect Pets: <http://news.vin.com/vinnews.aspx?articleId=15950>

LYME VACCINE & LYME DISEASE: <http://www.thedogplace.org/Vaccines/Lyme-Disease1-10062-Jordan.asp>

DNR Wolf Alerts: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/er/mammals/wolf/dogdeprede.htm>

Foods: <http://www.dogfoodadvisor.com/dog-food-reviews/brand/>

Michigan State University-College of Law-Animal Legal & Historical Center: <http://www.animallaw.info/>

Dr. Schultz online vaccination seminar –free: <http://www.showdogvideopros.com/PCAF2010SchultzA.html>

Helpful Tips

AKC Canine Partners Offers Tips on Preventing Food Guarding

Even though we feed our dogs plenty of food and treats each day, by nature, many of them will defend or guard their food. Because dogs often had to fight to eat in the wild, the need to protect food items is innate in them. While this behavior is undesirable in a family pet, it can be prevented. The American Kennel Club® (AKC) Canine Partners program offers the following tips to prevent food guarding from developing in your pup.

- **People give, not take.** You will want to reinforce early on that a person approaching your dog's bowl of food means something good, not that his food will be taken away. Every so often when your puppy is eating, walk over to him and drop a tasty treat in his bowl. This will let him know that you are not coming to take his valuable food away.
- **Be consistent with feeding.** Don't leave your dog's food out all day. This will make him think that the food is a resource that can be taken away from him at any time, therefore making him fiercely protect it. Instead, feed your pup the amount of food recommended by your veterinarian.
- **Let your dog eat in peace.** Dogs shouldn't be bothered while they are eating. To prevent any problems from occurring, feed your dog in an area where kids can't interact with them. Make sure to teach your children that the dog should be left alone when they're eating or chewing on a bone.
- **Don't remove food from a growling dog.** If your dog is growling over its food or chew toy, do not respond by removing the bowl. This will only reinforce to your pup that the food needs to be protected because it can be taken away at any given time.

Learn more about responsible dog ownership at www.akccaninepartners.com.

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How to Decipher Your Dog's Bark

Have you ever wondered what Fido was trying to say to you when he began barking incessantly? Dogs use a variety of sounds—barking, howling, baying, and growling—to convey different things. Your pup may be barking for attention, or growling to protect his bone. Whatever noise Fido is making, he's trying to tell you something. The American Kennel Club® offers the following tips on how to decipher your dog's bark.

- **Is anyone out there?** Dogs can communicate with others far away by howling. When dogs travel in a pack and one gets separated, the lost dog will begin howling and wait for the others to respond. That way, he will know which way to travel to be reunited with his pack. Sometimes, dogs hear sounds such as a siren that they perceive to be another dog calling to them, and they'll start howling in response.
- **Stranger Beware!** Fido will defend himself and his space against strangers by emitting a deep, explosive series of barks. This signals to the approaching person to stay away.
- **Hey, I'm over here!** Barking is also used to get attention. Smaller dogs that are doted on by their owners tend to bark more for attention, since they are used to being the center of everything. Attention barking consists of a long series of loud yaps. Once you give him what he's looking for, he'll stop. If you ignore him further, he will most likely keep going!
- **Keep away!** Growling is designed to keep opponents away, especially if your pooch has a treat he is protecting. He will let out a deep growl that signals to anyone coming close that it is dangerous to approach.
- **The hunt is on!** Baying is a deep, prolonged sound that dogs would let out during the hunt to signal that the quarry is near. This sound is unique to most hounds.

You can learn more about the different sounds your dog makes and what he is trying to say at www.meetthebreeds.com.

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Ask AKC with Lisa Peterson

Dear Lisa: Our Welsh Terrier is not your typical dog. I'm not sure where we went wrong, but when we take out the leash to go for a walk, she scuttles under the table and only hesitantly comes out after some gentle coaxing. We've had her since she was a couple of months old, and taken her to obedience training school where she did well. She comes, sits, lies down, and fetches. She even jumps through a hula hoop upon command! We are desperate for your assistance. We want to take her for walk more often, not only for her exercise but the whole family's. – Eagerly Waiting With Leash in Hand

Dear Eagerly: Your Welsh Terrier sounds adorable and on her way to being an obedience star with all that you have taught her so far. She seems like a quick learner so this problem is easily fixed. But first a little detective work might yield the cause of her behavior. Can you recall anything in her past that might have set her off about the leash? Perhaps a bad trip in the car that caused sickness or a trip to vet to get an unpleasant vaccine which she might have associated with the leash? Even without the knowledge of why this behavior began what you need to do is adjust it so that she won't fear the leash. I don't think going for a walk is something she is afraid of.

Loose the Leash

It appears that the leash is triggering her response to hide under the table. By training her to accept a different routine before going on that walk you might be able to get her to want to go on that walk. One of the easiest fixes would be to just pick her up prior to getting the leash. Once she is in your arms, go get the leash, attach it to her collar, and then give a yummy treat with much praise. Then put her on the floor near the door and away from the dreaded table and take her out for a walk. You can try getting a different leash and storing it in a different part of the house so she won't know what you are going to get. Maybe use a harness versus a collar when you go for a walk, perhaps there is something that is irritating her neck when you pull on the collar with the leash. Trying a different routine each time you want to go on a walk will be very effective in breaking her habit of seeing you get the leash from the same location and her repeating the same behavior over and over again.

Dear Lisa: *I have 2 Labrador Retrievers – 1 male and 1 female. Neither is fixed. My female is in her first heat and she is almost 1 year. What can I do to help my male to make it easier? He whines constantly, he is barely eating, and we have them separated and when we let him out he searches all over for her. Please any kind of help would be great. – Seasonal Woes*

Dear Seasonal: Most pet owners do not realize what life is like living with intact pets since many opt to have them spayed or neutered because they don't plan on breeding or showing. The most important thing to remember, which it appears you are doing, is keeping them separate while she is in season to prevent any unwanted litters. It's important to note that estrus, which happens once to twice a year depending on the breed, lasts approximately 21 days so don't allow them to play together too soon.

Separate Quarters

The main attraction for your male dog is the female's scent, which because of her hormonal changes, makes her very attractive to the male. His whining, not eating and searching for her is very normal male behavior. So how can we minimize this for his and your comfort? I would try to separate them even more. Perhaps keep them on different levels of the house and using different entrances for each pet. For potty breaks I would keep them both on leashes and use the front yard for the male and the back yard for the female. This way the male won't be sniffing out where she has gone to the bathroom, which will reduce his stress level somewhat. There are also some products on the market that can be applied to the female to reduce the effects of her scent on the male. Another option might be to have your male dog stay with a friend or relative for the duration. If you are not planning on breeding or showing her then having your female spayed would be the best option to keeping the peace in your home.

Dear Lisa: *My husband just recently started playing the flute. When he hits the higher notes, our dachshund starts to howl and keeps howling! Is he in pain? What exactly is going on? My husband has taken to playing in the farthest corner of the house! – High Note Hound*

Dear High Note: I don't believe that your husband's flute playing is causing your Dachshund any pain. It's just an ancient canine response to those high notes. Read about why dogs howl [here in a previous column](#) and in the meantime let your dog and husband make beautiful music together!

Dear Lisa: *Why do dogs howl? I had never heard my two-year-old Miniature Poodle do so until one night when he was in the car with me and the window was down. The sirens of several emergency vehicles were sounding, and he let out a long howl. He has never done it since even though we have heard sirens many times. – Howling Hound*

Dear Howling: If you think about the origins of the domestic dog, a single wolf approximately 15,000 years ago, it makes sense that dogs do howl, as do wolves and coyotes. One theory is that the dog that howls for long periods of time is either bored or lonely. Another suggests they are searching for another canine or covoying a location to a far away pack member. The howl is considered to be a long distance doggie telephone call since the long drawn-out sound can travel for distances of several miles thus alerting other dogs to their location or needs.

Most often today dogs howl when they hear other sounds that they perceive is a canine calling card such as a siren at a nearby firehouse. Perhaps the more recent sirens just didn't have the right pitch to kick in that ancient instinct to howl in your Poodle like the time in the car. I first observed one of my Norwegian Elkhounds howling because of the siren too. Howling is just another way dogs communicate with each other, just like dogs have different types of barking to communicate multiples needs. There is the "I'm happy to see you" bark, the "stranger in the yard" alert bark, the "I have to go outside to relive myself" bark, and so on.

Barking and Baying

Besides the howl and the bark, let's not forget the "bay." As a hound owner and neighbor to several Beagles I'm quite familiar with the bay, which can be described as a sounding alarm that quarry is near or in sight. I love to read the dictionary and I came across these three definitions in Merriam-Webster's which really sums up the differences between canine communication nicely:

- **Howl:** to utter or emit a **loud sustained doleful sound** or outcry characteristic of dogs and wolves
- **Bark:** *of a dog:* to emit or utter its characteristic **short loud explosive** cry
- **Bay:** *of a dog:* to bark (as at a thief or at the game that is pursued) especially with **deep prolonged tones**

So whether your dog is howling for friends, barking for fun or baying during the hunt, it's not so important to ask why they are doing it, but rather to listen what your dog is trying to tell you. Woo-Woo!

Dog Lovers Name Marmaduke Canine Movie of the Year in American Kennel Club Canine Partners Poll

The results are in! The culmination of awards season is upon us and in celebration of this Sunday's Oscars, movies' biggest night, the American Kennel Club (AKC®) Canine Partners asked the public to cast its vote for the most popular canine movie.

Proving that all dogs, even awkward and sometimes clumsy ones, are loveable in their own way, America named *Marmaduke* Best Movie of 2010 Featuring a Dog. *Marmaduke* won with 49%, beating out the French Bulldog from *Due Date* and the German Shepherd and Beagle from *Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore*.

"Movies show the profound influence all dogs have on our daily lives," said Mark Dunn, Assistant Vice President of Canine Partners. "*Marmaduke* tells the story of a loveable, accident prone Great Dane and his struggles to fit in with the other dogs. We're proud to give this movie, which reminds viewers that all dogs have their own unique qualities that make them special, our first Dogscars Award."

Lassie Come Home (31%) narrowly beat out *Benji* (21%) to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award for best portrayal of a dog and responsible dog ownership. *Lassie Come Home* tells the story of the profound bond between a young boy and his dog. In voting for *Lassie*, one respondent said "*Lassie Come Home* says it all – a love of a boy and his dog, a bond that is unbreakable."

Other Lifetime Achievement Award nominees include:

- *Lady & the Tramp*
- *The Man from Hell's River*
- *The Wizard of Oz*

To learn more on how to have fun with your dog, visit the AKC Canine Partners website at www.moredogfun.com.

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Explanatory Notes:

The survey was conducted during a two-week period from February 9 - 22, 2011. Surveyors responded voluntarily. Self-selecting methods were used in recruitment for this study. AKC does not guarantee that these statistics are scalable to the overall population. This data is for anecdotal purposes only.