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Harmony Notes



Message from the President

Next Meeting

**Sunday,
February 3, 2002
1/2 hour after ring
time**

**Main building
Upstairs
Seattle Dog Show
Safeco Field Expo
Center**



Boy, Oh Boy!

Do we have a lot of work ahead of us in the next two months! The specialty shows are coming along at a pretty fast clip. All the judges are in place, the premium list is almost done and ready for the printers.....and Bonnie is lining up club members and companies to sponsor trophies and special awards. Y'all should expect a call or email from her in the very near future.

If you would like to contact Bonnie, you may do so by

email at:
bstoney@earthlink.net

Let me tell ya – I'm impressed with Bonnie's go-to and get it done attitude. Bonnie has managed to snag Pedigree Dog Foods® as our major sponsor!! That is no small feat for a local specialty show – and what a great way for us to start out. Kudos to Bonnie (and Pedigree) for stepping up to the plate and beltin' one right outta the park!

Please mark April 20th & 21st on your calendars – a lot of people have worked very hard to make this a very "special" set of specialty shows. "April Showers"

may be the theme of the show.....but there won't be any rain on our parade. I can almost taste that pasta dinner we have planned for Saturday night...

For those of you that haven't heard.....we have a brand new member in our club. Kim and Tim had a beautiful baby girl, named Aprillia Lynn, on Sunday, January 13th. Congratulations to both of you – and to our newest future Junior Handler. I still can't believe that Mom and Dad haven't sent us pictures for the newsletter!

Cyndi =-)

Announcements from our Members!

We've got several cool announcements that deserve front-page placement!

First, Kim and Tim Howick had their baby on Sunday, January 13, 2002 at 6:21 a.m. Aprillia Lynn Howick weighed in at 6 lbs. 13 oz, and was 19-1/2 inches. Congratulations to both of you!

More news on the marriage front: Shea Skinner and Tiffany Biesiedzinski have set a date to get married! August 25, 2002 is the big day! Congratulations and good luck to these great people (as well as great dog handlers).

But wait, there's more! We have one more couple headed to the alter as early as this spring! Tony Carter and Jus Rau will be getting married in April or May after a long courtship. Tony and Juls have a business together, Kettle Korn Factory. Check it out at www.kettlekornfactory.com!





Minutes from the Last Meeting, 1-12-02

Place: Puyallup Fairgrounds, Puyallup WA

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Present: Cyndi Skinner, Savannah Skinner, Deb Lewy, Steve Best; Linda Graling; Donna Michaelson, Bonnie Stoney, Lorraine Hill, Guests Heather and Bruce Perkins. Kim could not make the meeting as she was in labor!

Cyndi called the meeting to order at 12:52 p.m.

Deb read the general meeting minutes from the general meeting held 11/18/01 at the Monroe Fairgrounds. There were no changes to the minutes. Linda motioned to accept the minutes as read. Bonnie seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

President's Report

No president's report.

Secretary's Report/Correspondence

No secretary's report.

Deb read a letter from Lee Arnold thanking the club for its donation to the Charitable Trust in memory of Katherine McCusick.

Cyndi received verbal correspondence from the CSPCA President, Karen Kleinhans, thanking us for sending Holiday cards out from the club.

Treasurer's Report. D

Deb reported that we currently have \$787.65 in our account. Expenses have been for insurance, postage, and the ad in the Barker.

Old Business

April Shows. Steve said that both shows and panels have been approved by the AKC.

Charitable Trust. Donna thanked the club for contributing to the Charitable Trust in memory of Katherine.

Trophies. Dick Beckwith came to the meeting to report on the metal trophies he would like to produce for the club, as well as the ring standards. Smaller trophies are 18 gauge steel; larger are 16 gauge. You can have them powder coated, but must commit to 100 pieces before that becomes an option. If we have Dick do trophies for each class, his contact will make our ring standards for \$70.00 (4 placements, out of ½ AA birch). Prices would be as follows:

1st place: small dogs, (8") \$12
 2nd place: napkin or letter holder \$12
 3rd place: sticky pad holder \$9
 4th place: business card holder \$6

Vanes have not been priced yet. These would be for WD, WB., BOB trophy is a 16" dog.

New Business

Newsletters. Deb reported on the cost of the newsletters. She is still only getting reimbursed for postage, but even this is cutting into our monies. A suggestion was made for monthly sponsorship of the newsletter. Deb will come up with exact costs (with the new paper and different color printer), and have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting. Members can offer to sponsor a month (with associated advertising) for a specific cost. We hope this reduces the drain on our club's coffers. Donna motions, and Steve

seconds sponsoring newsletters so they can remain color. Motion passed.

Barker Advertising. Bonnie is the new ad rep for the Barker, and she has approached the CSPCA board with ideas to improve advertising revenue for that publication. Bonnie went over some of the new types of advertising that the Barker has instituted.

Specialties/Trophies. Cyndi went over the premium list she did with the club members and we made decisions on how many trophies we needed for the show and when sponsorships needed to be done by (February 15). These items will be discussed at the specialty show committee meeting following the general meeting.

Classes: We decided that to be in Brace, one of the dogs/bitches needs to be entered in another class in the show. Generations will have to consist of direct descendants and Cyndi will give an example in the premium list. Veterans will be dogs/bitches ages 7 and older.

Pedigree Sponsorship. Bonnie will talk to Pedigree to see if they will sponsor our shows. Cyndi said Pedigree is sponsoring Specialty shows. This could significantly reduced our costs.

Linda Graling moved that we adjourn the meeting. Bonnie seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Brag jar: No brag jar this meeting.

*"It looks like a miniature hippopotamus with badly fitting pantyhose all over."
 Roger Caras about the Chinese Shar-Pei*

Veterinary Dentistry: Oral Care for Our Pets

According to the American Veterinary Dental Society, more than 80 percent of dogs and 70 percent of cats develop gum disease by the age of three years. Periodontal disease is the most common dental condition affecting dogs and cats. Infection and inflammation of the gums and supporting tissues of the teeth are caused by bacteria present in plaque and calculus (tartar).

The problem begins when plaque and calculus are allowed to build up on a pet's teeth, especially below the gum line. Bad breath, bleeding, and inflammation of the gums, receding gums, loosening and the eventual loss of teeth are characteristic of the condition.

Prophylactic treatment to keep the teeth clean is therefore of great importance. Your veterinarian may recommend an oral hygiene program that includes regularly brushing your pet's teeth with toothpaste formulated for animals.

Diet Can Be a Problem

Diet is a major factor in the development of plaque and tartar. Soft or sticky foods should be avoided, while certain chewing toys are beneficial. A specially formulated diet with dental benefits (reduced accumulation of plaque and tartar) is now available for dogs.

Dental Care is Critical

Lack of oral hygiene results in plaque and calculus accumulation. Be patient when initiating oral home care, especially in older animals. It is best to start dental care at an early age. Introduce brush-

ing gradually and begin by rubbing your pet's teeth and gums with a soft gauze wrapped around a finger. Gradually switch over to a toothbrush designed for pets or to a very soft human toothbrush. Avoid forceful restraint of the patient; rather make it a bonding experience and always praise and reward for its cooperation.

Get Those Check-Ups

Regular dental check-up visits to your veterinarian are strongly recommended; the interval between check-ups varies from pet to pet and also depends on how effective the home care program is. Hardened tartar should be removed by your veterinarian, as this requires the use of special instruments and equipment.

Routine periodontal treatment performed by a veterinarian typically includes ultrasonic scaling, sub gingival manual scaling, and polishing.

All dental procedures in pets, including scaling and polishing, are performed under general anesthesia. The current state-of-the-art veterinary anesthesia is such that this poses minimal risk. The adverse effects of bad teeth on the overall health of the animal also greatly outweigh the anesthetic risk.

Improving General Health

There are clear indications that oral health status has a profound effect on the animal's general health. Periodontal disease may cause bacteria and toxins to enter the bloodstream with potentially deleterious effects on internal organs. Conversely, poor systemic health may manifest in the oral cavity in various ways and may also exacerbate periodontal disease.

Your pet's dental examination is therefore not limited to the

oral cavity but always includes a general physical examination. Laboratory examinations, to evaluate systemic disease concerns, are also commonly performed. Some dogs and cats suffer from chronic oral infection or stomatitis, a poorly understood condition which is frustratingly difficult to treat.

Other Dental Conditions

Tooth decay, as seen in man, may occur, but is relatively rare in the dog and cats.

A greater awareness of dental disease in the dog amongst veterinary practitioners and pet owners will greatly contribute to the early recognition and prevention of dental problems, in particular periodontal disease. Great advances have been made in veterinary dentistry and a wide spectrum of dental therapeutic options are now available.

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Member Wags, Brags, and Info!



Correction on email address:
Linda Graling: ldgraling@flashmail.com

CSPCA Regional Specialty, Thursday,
January 17, Portland, Oregon:

Best Opp BC Puppy in Sweeps:
Rumples Takes The World By Storm,
Cyndi
Best Opp HC Puppy in Sweeps:
Rumples Just Catch a Second Wind, Cyndi
Best Jr: Savanna Skinner
Conformation Judge: Bill Bergum
RWD: Rumples Just Lock 'n Load
WB: Toko's Timba Times Two, Teresa
Turner/Tony Carter, 4 pt major
RWB: Rumples Takes The World By Storm
BISS: CH Toko's Ruger Aim For The Hart,
Tony Carter

Rose Classic Cluster, Friday, January 18,
Portland:

Judge: Gary Dunlop
WD: Rumples Just Lock 'n Load , 3 pt ma-
jor
RWD: Kauai King Remembers Margem,
Dee Dee Wells
WB/BOW/BOS: Rumples Takes The World

By Storm - **New champion**, 4 pt major
RWB: Stoney's Rainier Flawless Cut, Marcia
Johnson & Bonnie Stoney
BOB: CH Rumples The Brave Just Do It

Rose Classic Cluster, Saturday, January 19,
Portland

RWD: Stoney's Big League, Bonnie Stoney
WB: Golding Keep The Edge Margem, DeeDee
Wells & Dejan Buhovac
RWB: Stoney's Rainier Flawless Cut
BOB: CH Rumples The Brave Just Do It

Rose Classic Cluster, Sunday, January 20,
Portland:

Judge: Marian Mason Hoddesson
RWD: Toko's Shotgun Sammy, Carmen Ruby
RWB: Golding Keep The Edge Margem, Dee
Dee Wells & Dejan Buhovac
BOB: CH Toko's Ruger Aim For The Hart, Tony
Carter

Rose Classic Cluster, Monday, January 21,
Portland:

WD/BOW: Toko's Shotgun Sammy
RWD: Trialfast's Don Juan For Royal
WB: Toko's Bighorn Annie Oakley