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Brags for May

Nanette Loya & Keith Keibel's Kerry Blue terrier Spice whelped a beautiful litter of puppies on 4/22/11. Here they are at 8 weeks. Almost looks like the same dog.



Breeder of Merit honors were awarded to Sandy McFarland. Here's her crew and her Netherland Import.



Brita



The whole crew



How many time have I told you not to feed the dogs at the table?

Message from President

By Noelle Blair

Well, I don't know about you but I really enjoyed the 18 hours of spring we had this year. For some reason though I feel like it just went by too quickly, and now here we are bracing ourselves for really hot weather. I know that for the majority of us it goes without saying that our dogs need special care during these warm summer months. My dog's asked me to share with you some of their fun summer activities that help them stay cool.

Take an old ice cream, butter or cool whip tub and fill it about 2/3 of the way with water. Add a little chicken or beef broth and freeze. Instant 'Pupscicles'. You can add some small treats for a unique chewing challenge. Make one for each dog. My guys love nothing better than laying on the grass in the shade on a warm afternoon with their own special home made treat. They are cheap to make, last a long time, clean your dogs teeth and entertain them for hours.

Kongs are one of my dogs favorite toys. Fill them with yogurt, peanut butter, canned dog food, raw food, anything your dog enjoys. Freeze. Serve. Again they will spend the better part of the day enjoying their treat. Plus Kongs are dishwasher safe so you can clean them out and reuse! This is great for you thrifty dog owners.

Kiddie pools are not just for children. They are shallow enough that your dog can get in and splash around, lay down or play in without fear of getting injured or drowning. If you dog is a bit worried about getting wet, add some hot dog pieces and favorite toys. Nothing better on a hot summer afternoon than bobbing for hot dogs with your canine friends.

If you think your dog might be over heating, get them out of the heat right away and start cooling them off. Wet the pads of your dog's feet, their belly, rectum and ears and they will cool down much faster. Don't wet the dogs back as this will attract the heat and does little to cool them off. If you suspect heat stroke, get your dog to the vet right away. If you have time wrap them in wet towels and transport them as quickly as possible to your nearest veterinarian.

Remember to enjoy this summer with your dogs, be smart, stay cool and have fun!

BARK'N BUGLE

Counting Conformation Points

Let's say your WD had defeated four class dogs to get two points. Then he defeated three champions entered in BOB (two dogs and one bitch). Points would be calculated as if your WD had defeated seven dogs, four class dogs and three champions (count them all as "dogs" since champions defeated are counted as if they are of the same sex as the BOB winner). Let's say that to defeat 7 dogs was a four-point major. However, by taking BOB your WD would also be BOW over WB. If the WB had won a 5-point major because she defeated say 12 bitches, then because that point win is greater, your WD would have won a 5-point major. In short, whatever dog you defeat that has the greatest number of points won on that day goes to your dog. Simple right?

Grand Valley Kennel Club

Board Meeting

May 10, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Noelle Blair at 6:29 PM

Those in attendance were: Noelle Blair, Ashley Edstrom, Helen Haas, Cindy Clark, Kim Giannone, and Johnnie Farmer. Those absent were Wendy Spurr and Nanette Loya.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the last meeting were read. Ashley made the motion to accept. Helen gave the second. Motion passed. Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer's report was passed around and discussed. Helen made the motion to accept. Johnnie gave the second. Motion passed. Treasurer's report was approved.

Correspondence: It was mentioned that there is a yahoo site that sells dog "stuff". It is dogshowstuff@yahoo

Old Business: Job Descriptions need to be finished and turned into Noelle as soon as possible.

New Business: July Picnic - John and Carrie are in charge. No report was given.

Judges Hotel - will be the Double Tree

Wendy's mother in law passed away. Johnnie will send her a card.

Committee Reports: Dog Show - Kim - said we need more trophy money. Everything is on schedule and going well.

Newsletter - Get your articles in to Wendy.

Advertising - Nanette - absent.

Training Coordinator - Cindy - will post judges for final practice sessions at the Fairgrounds.

Trophy - need money

Website - really needs updating. Officers for 2011 have not been put on.

First Aid - Cindy - there will be no class on May 15.

Programs - Noelle suggested that we put together a calendar of our regular activities and then fill in the rest with new programs. January - Annual meeting, elections, BOB match, and winter training

Your AKC Photo Call: Your Dog in Action!

Does your dog like to hunt? Do you and your dog compete in Agility or Earthdog? How about the newest AKC sport, Coursing Ability Tests? Or are you just starting out in an AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy class?

We want to see what your dog can do! Send us photos of your dog participating in an event, training class, therapy visit, or any other organized activity. Your photo may be selected to appear in *YourAKC* or another AKC email publication.

Photos must be submitted by email to enewsphotos@akc.org in the form of a .jpg or .gif file. Please include the name and breed of the dog, the name of the activity, and the name of the photographer. One photo per reader, please. We cannot confirm receipt of your photo. By submitting your photo, you are agreeing to these terms and conditions.

Lure Coursing

Over the last few months I have been racking my brain trying to come up with a “job” for Thor. As many of you know he is my rescue Great Dane. Getting Thor to do anything is a challenge, since he hates anything different. His personality is very much that of the old grandpa who sits on his rocker yelling at the kids to keep it down. So whatever the job I gave him to do it needed to be something that he already showed interest in. Thor does not display any interest beyond his daily walks, the Corgi’s, and the lunge whip toy. The only toy he plays with is the toy attached to the end of a lunge whip, go figure. He loves this to the point of obsession and is the only thing he will focus on. So in wracking my brain on what involves chasing something, I came up with Lure Coursing.

Lure Coursing is traditionally a sport for Sight Hounds only. It was started as a safe way to promote and protect the natural instincts of sight hounds. It requires very little for set up, and is a great activity for active dogs or dogs that just like to chase a moving object. The AKC only allows sight hounds to compete in AKC sanctioned events. However, the UKC (United Kennel Club) and several independent clubs that offer all breed lure coursing as well. The objective is for the dogs to chase the lure across an open field without interfering with the other dogs in the trial.

In ASFA (American Sighthound Field Association) you are judged on four criteria, speed (25), agility (25), endurance (20), enthusiasm (15), and follow (15) for a total score of 100 points possible. The AKC judges on ability (10), follow (10), speed (10), agility (10), and endurance (10) for a maximum score of 50 points. UKC judges on ability (5), speed (5), endurance (5), bonus (2), and you have a possibility of a penalty (2). The length that the lure will track can range between 100-1000 yards. No matter what breed of dog or organization, your dog has to be at least 1 year of age in order to compete. Of course as with any competition there are numerous titles that you can win, and there are many clubs that get together just for the practice.

Each organization has its own list of requirements that can be found on their websites. For many dogs Lure Coursing is something they do instinctively therefore there is almost no training needed. For those that are not natural chasers training will be required. If you are the owner of a sight hound you will have a relatively easy time finding a lure coursing event in the state. Those of us that are non sight hound owners will have a little bit harder time finding events in the state, most of them are few and far between. However, that does not mean all hope is lost. It just means more creativity in order to experience the joy of Lure Coursing.

Supplements

Submitted by Cindy Clark

Deciding which vitamins your dog should get and how much of each is a very difficult, minimums and that *over-supplementation can destroy the nutritional balance of the food and can even be hazardous to the dogs health.*

Other researchers believe that a certain amount of supplements is needed for several reasons, the most important being that the high temperatures used for processing dog foods can affect the nutritional value of the food. Some ingredients may contain the needed vitamins, but the dog may not be able to digest and metabolize them adequately. The ability to metabolize vitamins can be affected by the quality and type of ingredients being eaten, the dog's breed heritage, age, general health and medication.

Before deciding to add vitamin supplements to your dog's diet, research the food you are feeding (or would like to feed) and find out about the quality of the ingredients, find out also if vitamins are added to the food. Look at your dog: What is the dog's state of health? Is its coat shiny and healthy? Is the dog happy and energetic? Is it mentally alert? If you have any questions, talk to your veterinarian.

What are Chelated Minerals and Amino Acid

CHELATED~(Keyi lated) This is the process by which mineral substances are changed into their digestible form. Amino acid bound chelated mineral supplements provide, three to ten times greater assimilation than common minerals do.

Amino Acid Chelated Minerals

COPPER AMINO ACID CHELATE: A trace mineral found in all body tissue. It works in respiration, synthesis of hemoglobin, and in the production of collagen. It is an Antioxidant that helps protect blood and polyunsaturated fatty acids.

MANGANESE AMINO ACID CHELATE: Is a Trace mineral that is also an important antioxidant that helps protect oxygen and slow aging. It activates many enzymes and works with the utilization of fatty acids.

ZINC AMINO ACID CHELATE: Is a trace mineral found through out the body. Zinc works with skin, hair, bones, muscles and blood. Zinc is important to a broad amount of body functions from digestion to reproduction.

IRON AMINO ACID CHELATE: A mineral present in every living cell. It is involved with blood and getting oxygen to it and in the digestion of fatty acids.

COBALT AMINO ACID CHELATE: An essential mineral, works with vitamin B12 and maintains the red blood cells.

CALCIUM: The most abundant mineral in the body. about 97% is utilized in the bones and teeth. The balance is involved with muscle tissue, cells, blood.

PHOSPHORUS: The second most abundant mineral in the body. It works with Calcium so it will effectively nourish bones and teeth. Every cell in the body contains Phosphorus.

Herbs and Vitamin / Mineral Supplements

There are probably as many vitamin / mineral / herbal supplements for dogs as there are for people. Dog owners can purchase complete vitamin / mineral / herbal preparations or they can buy supplements containing one specific vitamin, mineral or herb.

When supplementing a commercial food, it's important to know what vitamins and minerals the food contains and in what amounts, because with many vitamins and minerals, too much is just as dangerous as too little. If you are in doubt as to what your dog is getting from its food, call the dog food manufacturer and ask.

Especially Good Foods

Many foods are known to have special nutritional significance; others are known to have medicinal properties. As with herbs, experts disagree as to exactly how important these foods are. Again, if you want more information, or have any doubts, ask questions at your local health food store, talk to your veterinarian.

Apples: We have all heard the saying "An apple a day keeps the doctor away." Does that apply to dogs as well? Some experts think so. Apples are packed with chemicals that have been shown to kill cancers in animals. Apples also inhibit infectious disease and stabilize blood sugar. A slice or two of fresh apple makes a great treat that many dogs will eagerly devour for the fruit's sweetness.

Barley: A grain an has recently been used more frequently in dog foods. Barley is known to improve bowel function and is thought to possible inhibit cancer.

Broccoli: Known to inhibit cancer and is also a great source of many vitamins, including vitamin A.

Carrots: Are a wonderful source of Beta Carotene, but they contain other vitamins and trace minerals as well. Recent reports indicate that enzymes in raw carrots

reportedly kill harmful bacteria at the gum line. This harmful bacteria, if not killed is eventually absorbed into the blood system. It then attaches to the valves in the heart. Causing heart failure.

Cranberry Juice: Known to have beneficial effects on the urinary tract, preventing infections and cystitis. Cranberry juice is also recognized as having strong antiviral properties.

Fish: Especially saltwater fish, have a number of nutritional benefits. Ingestion of as little as one ounce of saltwater fish daily is known to boost the immune system, inhibit cancer, combat kidney disease and increase mental alertness.

Kelp: It is usually sold dried and ground to a fine powder, often encased in gel capsules. Kelp is an excellent mineral supplement as it is high in iodine, calcium and potassium as well as other trace miner-

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Supplements (Continued)

Submitted by Cindy Clark

als. Kelp is also known to boost the immune system, kill bacteria and add iron for the blood.

Yeast: Is a well-known food supplement; in fact, many dog foods contain yeast as a primary ingredient. Yeast are fungi grown in a fermentation of carbohydrates and are high in vitamins and minerals, especially the B vitamins. Brewer's yeast is the most nutritious of the different kind of yeasts available.

Yogurt: Besides being a nourishing food on its own, yogurt contains beneficial bacteria that improve bowel function. These bacteria help prevent intestinal infections, prevent diarrhea and kill problem causing bacteria. Yogurt is also known to boost the immune system and is thought to have anticancer properties.

Natural Bee Pollen: While not an herb, natural bee pollen is known to boost the immune system. It is also said to provide some pain relief for dogs as well. This is a by-product of the honey industry.

Ginger: Ginger root can be used to counter the effects if motion sickness (car and sea sickness) the average dosage is one knuckle of the root. This can be mixed into food or just chewed.

(To be continued in the July Issue of the Newsletter.)