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Mark Your Calendars

When:	Wednesday, May 19, 2010
Where:	Goodwyn Community Center on Perry Hill Road
Time:	7:00 p.m.
Program:	Lieutenant G.A. Beaudry

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Montgomery Kennel Club
Minutes – April 21, 2010 Meeting

The meeting was held at Goodwyn Community Center & called to order by Jane Williams, President, at 7:00 pm. There were 31 members & eight guests in attendance.

President's Report: Jane welcomed our guests. She thanked everyone for the bringing food items. Stacy Manning will bring refreshments to our May meeting.

Vice-President's Report: No report.

Secretary's Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Committees:

April Show:

Show Chair - Mike said entries are down. Not sure why.

Trophies – Any trophies ready...he is ready to take them.

Devotional – We are going to have it.

Education – Susan Barmby will not be there but Trish will take care of the booth.

Parking - Everyone working all four days at the dog show or if they are working our day should get a pass from Jane.

Hospitality - Wine and Cheese – Since Rea will not be able to do the wine and cheese, Marie Lundbom and Corey Gatewood will put on the event.

Desserts – Please bring some for the lunch on Saturday.

Advertising - Corey said that the Montgomery Advertiser will have our dog show listed on the online events calendar. Also they were sending out a photographer Thursday around 11:30 am. WSFA would be out at the dog show on Friday and Saturday doing live interviews.

Vendors - Kaye said most of the vendors are here. Sharpener was not here as of Wednesday evening. New vendor is Hot Java who will be located in a trailer out the back doors to the coliseum. There will also be Jim & Nicks at the Teague Arena on Saturday and Sunday in support of Therapy Dogs on Call and the events being run by Frances McGowan there.

Eye Clinic – It starts at 10 am on Saturday.

Raffle – Audra Goss drew a beautiful picture. If you would like to still donate bring the items on Friday to the Garrett Coliseum. Lieutenant G.A. Beaudry is excited about the raffle.

PETA – we all need to be very observant and NOT leave our dogs unattended at our show. Representatives of PETA were at another show and purposely let two Golden Retrievers out of their crates. Luckily they were quickly retrieved. PETA has also been known to pour substances in the dog's water, so do not leave your dog or their food/water unattended – get someone to watch your dogs!

Therapy Dogs on Call – they will have activities going on in Teague arena and Frances McGowan, who is running this, has invited all of us to attend and bring our dogs. There will be TV talent scouts there as well.

Meet the Breed:

David Cowles and Brenda Craig reminded everyone that the weekend after our dog show is meet the breed at Gilmore Ford. It is to be held in conjunction with the Heart of Dixie Mustang show. The more breeds the more variety. The show will raise funds for various charities. The kennel club has a tent awning that can be used. Whoever has access can bring it to the dog show so Milly can give to her husband, Mike since he works at Gilmore Ford.

Old Business: No Old Business.

New Business. No New Business.

Announcements: Rea is having a procedure. Everyone keep Rea in your thoughts and prayers.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Program – Potluck Dinner

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Flack
Substitute

Articles and Poems

JUST A DOG

From time to time, people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a dog," or "that's a lot of money for just a dog."

They don't understand the distance travelled, the time spent, or the costs involved for "just a dog."

Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog."

Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted.

Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a dog," and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a dog" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it's "just a dog," then you probably understand phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise."

"Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy.

"Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that make me a better person.

Because of "just a dog" I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future.

So for me and folks like me, it's not "just a dog" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment.

"Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a dog" but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a man" or "just a woman."

So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog," just smile because they "just don't understand."

~Unknown Author~

TREATMENT OF PARVOVIRUS & KENNEL COUGH USING TAMIFLU

One of the drugs making a lot of news in the veterinary therapeutic arena right now is TamiFlu (oseltamivir phosphate). This drug, developed by Roche, is used to treat human influenza. In April this year, Dr. Jack Broadhurst published his findings on Veterinary Information Network (VIN), on his use of Tamiflu in the treatment of Parvo in shelter puppies. Because of a limited budget, the shelter was unable to use expensive IV fluids and hospitalization. It was one visit to a veterinarian, SQ fluids and antibiotics and back to the shelter on oral electrolytes and antibiotics.

The mortality rate was 75%. When Dr. Broadhurst added Tamiflu orally at 1mg/lb, twice a day; they went from 75% mortality to 100% survival (5). When the powder is reconstituted, you have a suspension of 25ml at 12mg/cc. The amount that is given to a small puppy, the most common patient, is 0.4 ml for a 10 lb puppy. This amount is so small it usually does not trigger vomiting if given slowly (5). No, there have been no collaborated controlled studies and the purist will question whether the Tamiflu is making any difference. After five months the success rate is in excess of 95%. Try it. You be the judge.

I have had some experience with Tamiflu with another disease, which in South Florida, is causing a lot of very sick dogs. The disease is Kennel Cough. I had my bottle of Tamiflu on the shelf in my pharmacy, waiting for the first Parvo case to try it. Before I had the opportunity, I was presented with another situation. One of the greyhound trainers, who I trust, came to me for Doxycycline for use in an outbreak of Kennel Cough. I seized the opportunity, as I felt I had

nothing to lose but the \$35.00 for the cost of the bottle of Tamiflu. I asked her to take her 3 worse dogs and give them Tamiflu at 1mg/kg, twice a day, half the dose used in Parvo. I gave her the medication on Thursday. She started treatment on Friday. On Monday, 4 days after, she was back. The 3 dogs, by Sunday night, had stopped coughing and were doing great. The other dogs showed little or no improvement. She wanted enough for all the dogs. We ordered it and had it the next day. She treated 140 dogs and the outbreak was shortened by 2-3 weeks. Her dogs were back to training, running and winning, some in a matter of days, some within 10 days of the contraction of the disease. Before Tamiflu, it would take 2-3 weeks. Two other greyhound kennels in Alabama and Kansas have had success with the use of Tamiflu in curtailing the outbreak of Kennel Cough. (A total of 282 dogs) Here again, the purist will say that kennel cough manifests itself in various ways and with variation in severity and convalescence. I know this fact only too well, but when you get a clinical response with the use of a product, when the only variable is that product, then I will use that product as long as it does no harm.

Tamiflu (oseltamivir phosphate) is a neuraminidase inhibitor. What is neuraminidase? It is a protein found on the surface membrane of many viruses and bacteria. Its presence enables the virus to break from the host cell to infect other cells and is required for the virus to pass through mucous to reach non-infected cells. Neuraminidase is also required for a pathogenic bacteria to colonize. In the case of Bordetella bronchiseptica organisms, the major component of Kennel Cough, it has neuraminidase receptors on their cell membranes that enable them to colonize on respiratory epithelial cells. Neuraminidase inhibitors, like Tamiflu, will prevent colonization in the trachea and bronchi.

There are 6 possible mechanisms that a neuraminidase inhibitors, such as Tamiflu, may work.

- Inhibition of viral particles released from infected cells
- Reduce the ease with which the virus can move to infect adjacent cells
- Reduce bacteria colonization
- Reduce the migration of white blood cells, macrophages, from the blood to the infected tissue to create cellular injury
- Reduce the number of T-Lymphocytes from migrating to the infected tissue creating cellular injury
- Reduce the role of any bacterial toxins on muscles, blood vessels, lymph nodes, liver, spleen, kidney and trachea (5).

The success of Tamiflu depends on the neuraminidase factor. This drug is like using a laser as opposed to most antibiotics, which are like a shot gun. A word of caution - Tamiflu does not work on the Distemper virus or other forms of gastroenteritis.

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Dr. Fernandes is the past president of the South Florida Veterinary Medical Association and the South Florida Veterinary Foundation, and is a member of the board of the Humane Society of Greater Miami and Pet Rescue.

Other links on using Tamiflu to treat Parvovirus:

http://www.marvistavet.com/html/vaccination_options_prevention.html

<http://www.marvistavet.com/html/oseltamivir.html>

http://vettechs.blogspot.com/2005_04_01_archive.html

<http://www.veterinarypartner.com/Content.plx?P=A&S=0&C=0&A=1885>

This information is not intended to be used as veterinary advice, nor to replace consultation with a qualified veterinarian. Veterinarians interested in treatment of Parvo with Tamiflu can also contact Dr. Jack Broadhurst, a veterinarian coordinating research into Tamiflu in the treatment of canine parvovirus, kennel cough, feline distemper, and the canine flu, for information on dosages and his research. His email address is DocCat@aol.com. Good Luck!!!!!!

Bragg

The Sheltie Krewe and Collie Boys are reporting in after a very stormy Saturday in Huntsville. Cisco [Aynsworth Cisco's Cool Breeze] came home with several "Q"s and first places with only a few Sheltie yaps. Two of these "Q"s resulted in new titles. She now has her NADAC S-TN-N title [Superior Tunneler Novice Certificate] and her NADAC HP-N title [Hoopers Novice title]. Clipper [Cablestone's Uncharted Waters] wants every one to know that a smooth collie can run. He started mom's weekend with a "Q" in NADAC's regular agility course. He also received several places [you get places for clean runs but slow speed]. One time he got a first but no "Q". Murphy [Sirron's Beyond Glory] said she had lots of fun entertaining every one in tunnelers. She did her favorite things Sheltie spins and yapping at mom. Mom did manage not to trip over her. She had two clean runs with places but she spent too much time yapping to "Q". Every one had a great time at a great trial. **Susan Barmby**

The Sheltie Krewe and Collie Boys are reporting in from Busy Hattiesburg. There was lots of excitement at Hattiesburg going on at the agility trial with a rock concert and carnival going. But despite everything Cisco [Aynsworth Cisco's Cool Breeze Shetland Sheepdog] showed her mummies that she really does know how to do weaves. She had some real nice runs but no "Q"s. Clipper [Cablestone's Uncharted Waters - Smooth Collie] on the other hand proved to every one he could run courses under time. He even checked the table in the standard ring and found out no one had peed on it so he could do a sit on it. On Saturday, he gave mom a big surprise - he "Q" in Novice Jumpers with Weaves Preferred with a second place AND his title PLUS it was under course time. **Susan Barmby**

Thank You to Brenda Craig, Carolyn Newman and Joyce Leonard for helping mark vendor space for the show on Wed. AM. **Kaye Stevenson**

My lil white/black powderpuff Chinese Crested, ReeCreat'n MeiXing Luv PP, called Mazie, went WB/BW/BOS under noted judge Ms Houston (Todie) Clark for her 1st point Saturday April 10th at the Tuscaloosa show near Birmingham. Thank you ~ ReeCreat'n Chinese Cresteds ~ **Marie L. Lundbom**

Countrylane Sun Moon and Stars a Pembroke Welsh Corgi went WD/BOW on Friday and Sunday at the Birmingham Kennel Club Dog Show. **Kay Cox**

CGC Testing

I will be offering a CGC test Sat. May 15 at Pet Supplies Plus.

Start time is 10 AM and we will test as long as I have dogs to test.

Fee is \$15.00 if you pass you can send the form into AKC and with fee of \$8.00 and receive a certificate and your dog is listed with the AKC CGC registry. Your dog does not have to be AKC registered to take the test and get the certificate. It is open to all dogs.

If you have questions, please contact me at cateredcrittercare@charter.net.

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