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Events to Note

Apr. 18-19 Pet Expo

Apr. 21 Newsletter Deadline

May 16 Club Meeting

Dates on the April Calendar

1st April Fool's Day

9th Maundy Thursday

10th Good Friday

12th Easter Sunday

21st Teach Children to Save Day

22nd Earth Day

24th Arbor Day

Alfa 209 Starter Pistol Raffle

Toni Eichholz

Visit www.wcgkc.org today to order your raffle tickets for our Year Long Raffle!

Last year we raised over \$350 dollars on the Dyson Root Raffle, and this year we've got something even better!

This raffle is for a brand new Alfa 209 Starter Pistol.

The design and superior manufacturing quality of the Alfa is at the same level as those of the licensed arms. The Z-MAC zinc-aluminum frame with a rust resistant blued finish and the high strength heat-treated steel parts promise trouble free usage. Thanks to the automated drop safety lock and machine tooled steel double-action-trigger mechanism the revolvers are absolutely safe.

The Alfa 209 revolvers are rugged and reliable with bright orange grips made of high impact polymer and the orange cap on the barrel is a reminder that the revolver is not a firearm. The six shot swing out cylinder allows easy loading and unloading. A lanyard ring is included for security. Comes complete with a carrying case and cylinder cleaning brush. .209 primers recommended. The Alfa Starter Pistols will soon become the standard for starter pistols for use in the dog training, track and field competition and law enforcement!

This would make an excellent Christmas present for that hunter/trainer in your house! We'll draw the winning ticket during our Hunt Test/Ratings weekend in October, so don't delay, get your tickets now!

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB AND MOTEL 6 COST-SAVING DISCOUNTS TO AKC REGISTERED DOG OWNERS

NEW YORK-The American Kennel Club (AKC®), a not-for-profit organization which maintains the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world, today announced a special agreement with Motel 6 and Studio 6 to offer all AKC registered dog owners a 10% discount on room reservations nationwide.

To reserve a room and activate the discount, all AKC registrants can log on to www.motel6.com and enter access code CP542764 for Motel 6 or visit

www.staystudio6.com and enter the access code CP542765 for Studio 6 reservations.

"We are pleased to work with Motel 6 to offer AKC registered dog owners discounts during these tough economic times," said Dennis Sprung, President/CEO, AKC. "Last year alone, the AKC sanctioned more than 20,000 events that drew more than three million entries. These added savings will help AKC registrants find a comfortable place to rest with their dogs on their way to and from competitive events or while they are traveling on vacation."

"The AKC is the premiere organization that oversees the sport of purebred dogs in the United States," said Olivier Poirot, CEO for Accor North America, Motel 6 and Studio 6. "Motel 6 has been pet friendly since 1962, and we're happy to offer AKC registered dogs and their owners even more savings on our more than 1,000 properties across the United States and Canada."

Additional information can be found online at http://www.akc.org/motel6_studio6/.

Have you ever wondered what's in your dog's food? Dog Food Secrets (<http://www.healthy-pet-treats.info/>) reveals what is used in the manufacture of your dog's food.

Stem Cell Transplants in Dogs

Medicine is advancing by leaps and bounds and veterinary medicine is no different. In fact, because the FDA has less restrictions on animal research studies compared to humans some of today's advances are further along for animals! Take for example stem cell research. Vet-Stem, Inc. is a San Diego, CA based company that processes stem cells for canine and equine therapy. Currently, it is being used to improve orthopedic injuries and conditions like hip dysplasia (common in many dog breeds.)

The process is relatively simple. A veterinarian who has been certified in providing stem cell therapy for dogs removes about 30 grams (two tablespoons) of subcutaneous adipose (fat) tissue from the dog. It is sent overnight to Vet-Stem where it is processed to remove stem cells from the fat tissue. It is then overnighted back to your veterinarian for injection back into your dog's effected joint(s). Studies have shown an 80%

success rate with clinical improvement often seen within days!

Compared to joint replacement surgery the cost of stem cell transplants is a bargain. The \$2,500 price tag isn't 'bargain store pricing' but compared to \$11,000 or more for joint replacement surgery it not only makes more sense financially but lets face it (and more importantly) it's a lot less invasive with minimal recovery time for Fido. To date about 3,000 horses and over 200 dogs have undergone the stem cell transplant procedure.

Vet-Stem is currently studying the efficacy of stem cell therapy in cats for kidney disease and in dogs for liver disease. They expect to be able to offer these services within two years. Vet-Stem offers a free 3 credit hour continuing education course for veterinarians interested in becoming credentialed in stem cell transplants.

Off Leash Training

Adam Katz, Dogproblems.com

There are two phases to getting your dog to work off leash, reliably:

1. Making your dog think he's on-leash (that you can correct him consistently for unwanted behavior, like running away or not responding to the come command).

and

2. Building a conditioned response to off leash commands, through repetition and proofing.

It's the first phase that most people have trouble understanding. The trick is to let your dog wear only the tab (a one-foot short leash) when you're close enough to him to grab him and correct him (like in the house or backyard) and then working with the long in the exact same way that you use the tab, when you're in other environments.

This means that you'll be replicating the way you would work with the tab... even though your dog is wearing a long line. So, if you yell "Down!" to make your dog go into a down-stay from 25 feet away, YOU DO NOT tug on the leash from 25 feet away, but rather walk to your dog and correct him as if he were wearing the tab. If he runs, you're in a position to step on the leash and then go all the way to him and correct him for running away-- then put him in the down position.

After correcting him a couple of times for running away, in a few different environments, he won't

run away anymore. You may still need to walk back to him to correct him near the snap on the long line, though. Just as you'd do if he were wearing a tab.

What this does is it plays a mind game on your dog: He never knows if he's wearing the tab or the long line. After a month or so AFTER the last time he's tried to run away, if you've done your proofing correctly, you can substitute the long line for the tab. It's at this point that you've extinguished the behavior of running away and you're just using the tab more as a communication tool.

HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY!!

All the wee animals were out today, this day to 'warm-up' to the big Saint Patty's Parade in KC. All the Brookside kiddies (both two-legged and four-legged) came out to enjoy the doggies and sunshine. Toni, Abby, Myself, and Cleatus were ready for a day of Irish green fun!

Cleatus and I walked with the Brookside Barkery – our parade spot was right in front of the Humane Society of Greater KC! Toni was the official photographer, and Abby became the ever so important Brookside 'Baby'. We were SURROUNDED by dogs!! All sizes, shapes, colors, and temperaments. What fun!

We started the day by building the Barkery Babies float. Nothing like cutting and trimming green foam to make cardboard boxes look like building blocks tossed around in play...and getting them to stick with the hot glue that kept freezing up on us in the cold was quite a challenge! But we did it!! And it looked great!! Next it was on to the Barkery to drop Cleatus off with the other dogs so's we humans could enjoy a proper "irish" lunch ☺ at Jalepeno's. Two shrimp tacos and a pitcher of margaritas later we were off the parade route!

Cleatus was resplendent in his Irish color scarf and his Barkery bandana. Toni and I had on our green tees, and of course Abby had on her white uniform. ☺ We walked the route with approximately 60 other dogs...and were followed by twice that many more! Lots of fun was had by all, and when we got home Cleatus slept the sleep of the well played out tired doggy he was!

This is something that our Club needs to do next year!!! Who's with me???? All we need is a bunch of happy Weimaraners, Green T-Shirts, and smiling humans. I think we've got that covered, don't you??? ☺ Till Next Year...May the Luck 'o' The Irish Be With You!

Wearin' the Irish Green, Top 'o' the Mornin' to Ya, and all that jazz...

Wendy and Cleatus (and Nixie – she was at the other parade!!!)

Cleatus and Baby



Build the Float!



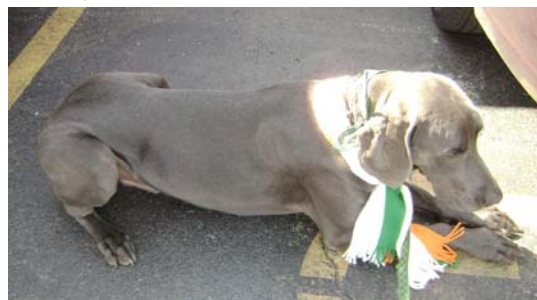
That's a BIG hot dog dog!



The FLoat! With 'Baby' and Toni



Can I please just ZZZZZzzzzz??? I'm so TIRED!



President's Notes

Hello all!!!

Boy did we have a great time with all the dogs running around at our last meeting!! We are looking forward to many more meetings this summer and getting lots of exercise. Many things we are currently working on. Our specialty show on August 21st at the American Royal Complex, which we will need everyone's help to make it a successful show. We have all the dates in the upcoming meetings section of the minutes. Please make sure to mark your calendars so all can make it. Don't forget at these summer meetings we love to see the whole family so please bring your children, friends or anyone that would like to learn more about our critters.

Don't forget the PetExpo April 18 & 19th!! Check out the newsletter for more info! This is a great opportunity for us to reach out to the public.

Also I would like to make a little plug for Midwest PAWS. A few weeks ago they took in around 70 pointers from a puppy mill that the owner decided to burn!! Even thou these were pointers it could have very have easy been Weimaraners - in fact it could happen at any time. Please check out their website at www.midwestpaws.org and see if there is anything you can do to help.

One more thing - Toni Eichholz has set up a yahoo group for us. It is an easy way for us all to keep in touch and a place where we can download forms. So please email Toni at ameichholz@yahoo.com and she will send you an invite to join the group!

Be seeing you all soon!
Laura Roehrich

Show News

Laura reports Grayhart's In From the Storm - AKA Marshall received his 1st show point on March 7 in Columbia, Missouri under Mrs. Chris Walkowicz.

Minutes of 3/21/09 Club Meeting Submitted by *Erin Goins*

Meeting was called to order by Laura Roehrich at 12:36 p.m.

The prior meeting's minutes as printed in the previous newsletter were approved by Mark Swanson and seconded by Tom Barnett. All agreed.
Secretary's Report: Not present. Laura Roehrich received info about Canine Running Pals; contact her if you would like further info.

Treasurer's Report: Given

Hunt Test/Ratings: Mark Swanson has one judge lined up and is working on a couple of others. We still need horses for our judges, but Mark may have a lead on that with one of the judges.

Specialty: will be on the evening of August 21st at the American Royal. We will need people to help out starting around 4 p.m. We still need an obedience judge. Don't forget about the money jar we draw for at the specialty and start collecting items for the raffle/silent auction. Talk to employers/vets/friends/family about sponsoring a class (\$25). Keep in mind that this is how we make our money! Any questions please contact Laura Roehrich at 913-385-0815. For Raffle Items please contact Debby Neal at 816-436-9221.

Membership: We have two second-timers- Scott Johnson (whose wife Sally couldn't make it today) with his big boy Luther and Donalyn & Kaylyn Rhodes (here with her daughter and her friends) with her young, handsome man Champ. Toni made a motion to accept their applications for membership and Mark seconded-passed unanimously by all!!

WELCOME ☺!

Website: The raffle tickets for the blank gun are now up. Toni Eichholz also mentioned a Pet First Aide class that is being held at the NKC Hospital this Thursday from 6-9 p.m.

Pet Expo: is April 18th from 10-7 and April 19th from 10-5. Move in is on Thursday and Friday. Toni and Wendy will be down there on Friday. Members were asked to sign up for a 4 hour slot with 3 people manning the booth at a time. Contact Toni Eichholz at 816-520-8029 if you would still like to sign up or have any issues with the slot that you agreed to. Please remember that you are not allowed to wander around the event with your dog; they just need to go straight from the booth to the designated potty area. Shirts will be available there, if not a little sooner. We will have 16 badges and parking passes are available for \$12. A motion was made by Toni and seconded by Mark Swanson to purchase 4 parking passes. Voted and passed unanimously. We will also have 10 complimentary tickets. Toni is picking up the items for the basket. Half of the raffle proceeds will go to Pet Connections (randomly drawn from a smelly hat).

New Business: Mark Swanson will be sending info out about the Wizards Bring Your Dog event and he also pointed out that James A Reed has several available spots for you to work on training your dog. He will also be holding a drimmel nail trimming demonstration after the meeting. Also, WCGKC is going green! There will now be a recycling bucket at all of the meetings courtesy of Judy Swanson. Thanks Judy!!!

Future Meetings:

May 16th at James A Reed - Gate will be open at 9 a.m. for those who want to come and play early. Meeting will be called to order at 10am -RSVP to Mark Swanson at 913-649-9521 or swansonmarkw@yahoo.com.

June 20th at James A Reed at 9 a.m. -RSVP to Toni Eichholz at 816-520-8029 or ameichholz@yahoo.com.

July 18th at James A Reed at 9 a.m. -RSVP to Sharon Schultz 913-341-2288 or kc.scrmom@kc.rr.com.

August 15th at James A Reed at 9 a.m. -RSVP to Tom Barnett at 816-699-8235 or tbarnett23@hotmail.com.

September 12th at James A Reed at 9 a.m. -RSVP to Laura Roehrich at 913-385-0815 or lroehrich@kc.rr.com.

Nominations/Suggestions for new officers for upcoming elections:

President: Toni Eichholz

VP: Mark Swanson

Treasurer: Wendy Flegel

Secretary: Erin Goins

Board: Laura Roehrich & Crystal O'Dell

At our May meeting we will be accepting nominations from the floor and everyone is welcome to make any nominations they wish. The elections will be held at our June meeting.

Old Business: Our ad will be running up to Easter time.

The meeting was adjourned unanimously at 1:33 p.m. Time to go play with our 9 weims and 2 GSP's in attendance!



WALKING THE DOG

Submitted by Wendy

A woman was flying from Seattle to San Francisco. Unexpectedly, the plane was diverted to Sacramento along the way. The flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft the plane would re-board in 50 minutes. Everybody got

off the plane except one lady who was blind. The man had noticed her as he walked by and could tell the lady was blind because her seeing eye dog lay quietly underneath the seats in front of her throughout the entire flight. He could also tell she had flown this very flight before because the pilot approached her, and calling her by name, said, 'Kathy, we are in Sacramento for almost an hour. Would you like to get off and stretch your legs?' The blind lady replied, 'No thanks, but maybe Buddy would like to stretch his legs.'

Picture this: All the people in the gate area came to a complete standstill when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a seeing eye dog! The pilot was even wearing sunglasses. People scattered. **They not only tried to change planes, but they were trying to change airlines!**



True story.. Have a great day and remember. THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS AS THEY APPEAR. A DAY WITHOUT LAUGHTER IS A DAY WASTED!!!

Beau

By Jimmy Stewart 1908-1997

[Beloved Actor, WWII Veteran, Humanitarian]

He never came to me when I would call
Unless I had a tennis ball,
Or he felt like it,
But mostly he didn't come at all.
When he was young
He never learned to heel
Or sit or stay,
He did things his way.
Discipline was not his bag
But when you were with him things sure didn't drag.
He'd dig up a rosebush just to spite me,
And when I'd grab him, he'd turn and bite me.
He bit lots of folks from day to day,
The delivery boy was his favorite prey.
The gas man wouldn't read our meter,
He said we owned a real man-eater.
He set the house on fire
But the story's long to tell.

Suffice it to say that he survived
 And the house survived as well.
 On the evening walks, and Gloria took him,
 He was always first out the door.
 The Old One and I brought up the rear
 Because our bones were sore.
 He would charge up the street with Mom hanging
 on,
 What a beautiful pair they were!
 And if it was still light and the tourists were out,
 They created a bit of a stir.
 But every once in a while, he would stop in his
 tracks
 And with a frown on his face look around.
 It was just to make sure that the Old One was
 there
 And would follow him where he was bound.
 We are early-to-bedders at our house—
 I guess I'm the first to retire.
 And as I'd leave the room he'd look at me
 And get up from his place by the fire.
 He knew where the tennis balls were upstairs,
 And I'd give him one for a while.
 He would push it under the bed with his nose
 And I'd fish it out with a smile.
 And before very long
 He'd tire of the ball
 And be asleep in his corner
 In no time at all.
 And there were nights when I'd feel him
 Climb upon our bed
 And lie between us,
 And I'd pat his head.
 And there were nights when I'd feel this stare
 And I'd wake up and he'd be sitting there
 And I'd reach out my hand and stroke his hair.
 And sometimes I'd feel him sigh
 and I think I know the reason why.
 He would wake up at night
 And he would have this fear
 Of the dark, of life, of lots of things,
 And he'd be glad to have me near.
 And now he's dead.
 And there are nights when I think I feel him
 Climb upon our bed and lie between us,
 And I pat his head.
 And there are nights when I think
 I feel that stare
 And I reach out my hand to stroke his hair,
 But he's not there.
 Oh, how I wish that wasn't so,
 I'll always love a dog named Beau.

COURT ORDER!!!



You are accused of....crawling into my HEART...And hijacking my SMILES... With your sweetness...

HOW DO YOU PLEAD.....GUILTY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
 YOU are sentenced...TO BE MY FRIEND FOR LIFE!!!!!! NO BAIL..... :)



Dog Humor-Mind Games

Act like a convicted criminal. When the humans come home, put your ears back, tail between your legs, chin down and act as if you have done something really bad. Then, watch as the humans frantically search the house for the damage they think you have caused.

(Note: This only works when you have done absolutely nothing wrong.)

Draw attention to the human. When out for a walk always pick the busiest, most visible spot to go 'poo.' Take your time and make sure everyone watches. This works particularly well if your humans have forgotten to bring a plastic bag.

Let the humans teach you a brand new trick. Learn it perfectly. Then the humans try to demonstrate it to someone else, stare blankly back at the humans. Pretend you have no idea what they're talking about.

