



## June 2009



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teaspoon of tumeric. I shake this up before I spray my dogs, and then brush it in. Any water puddles that appear due to the rain or thaw, I sprinkle stall lime in it and let it dry up. I keep my grass short. real short...fleas hate short grass. Cedar bushes and trees are great home for mosquitoes so I spray my cedar bushes on my neighbors side of the fence. I use the same dog spray to spray the cedar bushes.



We lost our beloved "Raider" CH Saylor's Raider B Ready To Go May 6. He would have been 12 in August. Raider was diagnosed with diabetes in 2006 and we got another wonderful 3 1/2 years with him and we miss him dearly.

*Kim, Butch and Morgan Watkins.*



### Events to Note

**June 20** Club Meeting - RSVP to Toni

**June 23** Newsletter Deadline

**Aug. 21** WCGKC Specialty

### Getting Rid of Parasites

*by Heather Fyfe TVWC News*

Plant marigolds around dogs outdoor pen. Marigolds, Mugwort, Cloves, Garlic, Spearmint Herb, Black Walnut, and Wormwood all keep fleas, parasites ( tapeworms, round worms, hook worms ) away from your property. Please note:Black Walnut cannot be used around pregnant bitches or puppies under 4 months of age. Sprinkle the spice clove, ground spearmint herb,tumeric and garlic powder around dogs outdoor pen. In 9 years , I have not had fleas, worms, giardia, since I have been doing this treatment. You can also plant Mums instead of marigolds. For the dogs, I spray them during the spring to December with the following: 16 oz of water, 4 drops of Spearmint oil, 10 drops of Black Walnut oil, 4 drops of garlic oil, 6 drops of clove oil, 2 tablespoons of ground raw green pumpkin seed, 2 tablespoons of marigold seeds and one

### Show News



**GREYMIST'S SUMMER SERENADE**

Best of Breed  
Seward County KC 4/25/09

**GRAYHART'S IN FROM THE STORM**

Best of Winners (2 pts)  
Sunflower KC 5/17/09

**WIN'WEIM'S GREYBROOK RIO LOBO V YDOC.**

Best of Breed/New Champion  
Sunflower KC 5/16/09 & 5/17/09

## Point counts for 5/13/09—5/5/10

Division 6: CO, IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, WI

2/2 4/5 6/8 7/10 10/15

### President's Notes

Well here it is another year has gone by and it is time for our annual elections next month. I just want to thank each of you for the marvelous jobs you each do in helping this group become what it has. We are friends and we love our four legged buddies! I look forward to the transition next month bringing in new officers and the changing of the guards so to speak. I know I can count on all of you to continue supporting the club as we continue to grow. Thanks for the privilege and opportunity to serve as your President for the last few years.

Sincerely,  
*Laura Roehrich*

### WCGKC General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:57 a.m. on Saturday, May 16th by Mark Swanson, the VP standing in for our Pres, Laura Roehrich. (she had a dog show to do with Marshall...and they won on Sunday!)

**Secretary's Report:** AKC emails received by secretary will be forwarded to the Yahoo Group email for ease of communication.

**Treasurer's Report:** not present.

**Hunt Test Ratings:** we now have two judges for our test, and a possible horse/judge for our ratings test. So far we have been able to keep our judges local. Wendy has offered to be the Hunt Test secretary.

**Topic to consider:** a 2 day hunt test in the spring. There are not very many around in that time frame, so we may benefit from that in regards to attendance. **Another topic:** the club putting on our own 'hunt test' for practice and for members who've never done something like that. Fun stuff!

**Specialty:** our specialty is Friday, August 21st. We need volunteers!! - to help work the raffle/auction tables, to help with the obedience trials, etc... Our trophies will be coming from Café Press, Toni has that all taken care of. We need silent auction/raffle items. If you see something interesting or fun please grab it! It can be anything from a dog bowl to a weimaraner-oriented bracelet. :)

**Membership:** we have visitors today!! Greg and Michelle are here with their girl Wrigley (she is their 2nd weim). They hail from Overland Park.

Scott and Sally are back with Luther! He and Cleatus have agreed to disagree and are on their way to being best buds!! HAH! Also present today are Mark and Judy Swanson, Brian O'Dell, Toni Eichholz and myself, Wendy Flegel. The weather was perfect for the dogs!! Hey Otto - did ya see that bird??

**Website:** be sure to sign up for our yahoo group list...this will be the main venue for email communication! Be sure to check out our Bulletin Board, it can be used for anything from sharing types of dog food to potty training to your weimaraner's tales of trickery. We are going to start a 'member page'. From the Dog's Point of View! So get out your cameras, take some pics, write some ditties, and submit them to the webmaster for posting. Keep an eye out on the site for the first one!! Also, if any of our members enjoy websites and working on them please contact Toni Eichholz. We'd like to have more than one person familiar with our Club site and the procedures for updating. Knowledge is Power!!!

**Raffle:** don't forget about our Blank Gun Raffle! We'll be drawing for the prize at our Hunt Test in October. You are able to purchase raffle tix via the website.

**Pet Expo:** the Expo was a success!! We got over a page and a half of new and interested(ing) folks. We were able to donate approx \$125 to both the Natl Weim Rescue and the Pet Connection here in KC with proceeds from our basket raffle! Fantastic!! \*\* if you ordered a club shirt from Toni, please be sure to pay for it at/by the June Mtg. If you have parking receipts you need reimbursed for, be sure to bring those to the mtg also.

**New Business:** extensive discussion was had in regards to our board nominations and will be revisited at the June meeting. The current

#### **Nominations are as follows:**

President: Toni Eichholz

Vpres: Mark Swanson

Secretary: Erin Goins

Treasurer: Wendy Flegel

Board Members: Laura Roehrich, Crystal O'Dell

**Our Next Meeting:** Saturday, June 20th at 9 a.m. It's our Annual Picnic! Please RSVP to Toni @ 816-520-8029. we're going to have a BBQ, an ice cream social for the dogs, games and prizes!! Get your Game Face on!!

**The meeting was adjourned** at 10:50 a.m. - Judy made the motion, it was seconded by Brian and approved by all! See you Soon!

Respectfully Submitted by:

*Wendy Flegel*

## Dates on the June Calendar

14<sup>th</sup> Flag Day

21<sup>st</sup> Father's Day

## New AKC Canine Legislation Tracking System

[May 7, 2009]

The AKC is pleased to announce the launch of the new AKC Government Relations Legislation Tracking Service. This new service enables you to check the status of all 2009 canine legislation in each of the 50 states, as well as federal legislation.

To use this service, go to the AKC Government Relations web page, [www.akc.org/canine\\_legislation](http://www.akc.org/canine_legislation) and click on the large "AKC Government Relations 2009 Legislation Tracking" icon. This will bring you to a new page with a clickable map of the United States. To view federal legislation, click on the "US Fed" icon to the right of the map. You can also click on any state to view that state's pending canine legislation, the latest legislative developments, the progress of specific bills, and, if applicable, AKC legislative alerts and messages. In addition, you can view the actual text of the bill or read a brief official legislative summary.

The AKC does not have a position on every bill posted; rather, this service is meant as a reference tool for you to see all the issues being considered in your state.

We hope you will enjoy using this new service of the AKC Government Relations Department.

Any questions or comments regarding this new service should be directed to the AKC Government Relations Department at (919) 816-3720 or [doglaw@akc.org](mailto:doglaw@akc.org).

### Fun Facts

From the Internet

According to tests made at the Institute for the Study of Animal Problems in Washington, D.C., dogs and cats, like people, are either right-handed or left-handed --- that is, they favor either their right or left paws.

Domesticated cats are never mentioned in the Bible. Dogs are mentioned 14 times, lions 55 times.

The common belief that dogs are color blind is false. Dogs can see color but it is not as vivid a color scheme as we see. It is much like our vision at twilight.

The old rule -- multiplying a dog's age by 7 to find the equivalent human age -- is fallacious. A dog is able to reproduce at 1 year and has reached full growth by 2 years. To calculate a dog's age in human terms, count the first year at 15, the second year as 10, and each year after that as 5. If a dog tolerates gentle handling between its toes, it probably is suited for children.

If you want to be friends with somebody else's dog, let the dog make the first move, and don't be too quick to respond.

A kennel should be two times the length of the dog you are building it for. Measure the dog from its nose to the tip of its tail.

*Through eye contact and body language, humans and dogs can understand each other almost perfectly.*

### DogAge.com Tip of the Week

[www.dogage.com](http://www.dogage.com) ~ 01/08/09

#### Wax on, Wax out: The Safe and Healthy Way to Clean Your Dog's Ears

Ear cleaning is not a tail-wagging event for many dogs, but occasional gentle cleaning is the best way to keep infections away. Here are a few pointers:

- Have your vet recommend an ear wash solution and demonstrate how it should be used. Also, ask how often and how thoroughly you should be attending to your dog's ears, since over cleaning can be harmful.
- Wash your hands before beginning -- you don't want to introduce any new nasties to the ear canal.
- Place the tip of the bottle of ear wash just a few millimeters inside the ear canal, and slowly squirt in the recommended amount.
- Rub lightly around the base of the ear with your fingers to help the solution settle in.
- Reach into the ear with a cotton ball or gauze pad, but don't dig, and don't use cotton swabs. Gently wipe away any discharge or wax that's within your reach.



## Why Every Dog Needs a Bed

[www.pedigree.com](http://www.pedigree.com)

Your furry family member needs a warm, comfortable bed for the same reasons you do. A dog bed allows your pet to have his own space—a place to get a good night's sleep, relax when he is tired, or enjoy a safe, quiet retreat when life gets too hectic. It also provides him with insulation from a cold, hard floor, and cushioned support for joints and bones.

Dog beds serve a practical purpose for dog owners, too—they help keep your canine off your sofa and bed, and help contain pet hair and dander in one place.

### How to pick the right bed for your dog

**Make sure the bed is big enough.** If he's stretched out to his maximum, the bed should be large enough to support his entire body. Try measuring your dog and then add five inches to ensure a comfortable fit.

**Consider your dog's specific sleeping habits.** Does he like to rest his head on a pillow or the arm of a sofa? If so, look for a bed with a side. Does he like to burrow and nest? A soft, pillow-type bed may be the best choice.

**Invest in quality.** Orthopedic foam beds may be more expensive, but they provide superior support for bones and joints, hold their shape longer, and will not need to be replaced as quickly as beds with traditional polyester filling or cedar chips.

**Choose easy care fabrics.** If your dog sheds or drools, you'll want a bed with an inner pillow that is reversible and machine-washable.

**Get an outdoor-safe bed for an outdoor dog.** If your dog spends a lot of time outside or sleeps in a doghouse, look for materials treated to eliminate mold, fungus, and other outdoor hazards that may be harmful to your dog.

Where you place your dog's bed is important, too. Just remember, it's his resting place, so try to avoid a high traffic area of your home. Choose a room that you spend a lot of time in, so your pooch can always be nearby. If your dog still uses a crate, you might want to put his bed inside the crate.

A good dog bed is not a luxury—it's an essential piece of equipment. So take the time to find the right one. After all, you want the bed, and the benefits it provides, to last a lifetime.



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

DUES ARE DUE JULY 1, 2009

Members Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MailAddress: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Committees I would like to help with or would like more information on:

FIELD \_\_\_\_\_ RATINGS \_\_\_\_\_ BENCH \_\_\_\_\_  
RESCUE \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

Family Membership: \$25.00

Single Membership: \$15.00

Please return with check made payable to Weimaraner Club of Greater Kansas City (WCGKC) and mail to WCGKC c/o Laura Roehrich - 7611 Rosewood Drive - Prairie Village, KS 66208.

WITH RENEWAL ENDORSEMENT OF CODE OF ETHICS IS IMPLIED.

THANK YOU!!!!



### FurKid Children

From the Internet

To all of you who have children that are bit hairier than others and walk on four paws!

This is for the mothers who sat up all night with sick dogs in their arms, wiping up barf laced with edible and inedible things and saying "It's okay baby, Mommy's here."

Who sat on the floor for hours on end soothing dogs who can't be comforted.

This is for all the mothers who show up at work with dog hair on their suits, unexpected scratches on their wrists and poo bags in their purse, coat pocket, pants pocket and all other pockets.

For all the mothers who make their own dog food and treats. And all the mothers who don't.

This for the mothers who help the new mothers deal with the loss of their litter. And the mothers who help them cope when they are given new homes.

This is for the mothers whose priceless art collections consist of ribbons and photos.

And for all the mothers who froze their buns, sweated gallons, and swatted away bees to watch their precious prance into a ring and achieve 2nd place and then jump around as though they had won best in show... or get winners' ribbons, despite their naughty behavior.

This is for all the mothers who go to the special pet stores to collect the proper treats, food and toys no matter that it take 3 stops and 50 stoplights.

This is for all the mothers who taught their dogs to sit, come and stay.

And for all the mothers who opted for sit.

This is for all the mothers who teach their dogs agility and obedience and actually understand that it needs to be FUN!

This is for all the mothers who took their dog to the vet assuring them that there would be no needles only to be told they need a blood sample.

For all the mothers whose dog has gone missing and was returned because she had the forethought to have chip put between its shoulders.

What makes a good Mother anyway?

Is it patience? Compassion? Ever available treats?

The ability to answer the door, hold back the dog and deal with a phone call all at the same time?

Or is it in her heart?

Is it the ache you feel when you walk out the door to your job every Monday through Friday knowing that 2 eyes are boring into your back?

The jolt that takes you from sleep to dread when you hear the sounds of heaving at 2:00 a.m.?

Years later, the guilt that won't go away when you have no other choice but to put your friend down?

The emotions of motherhood are universal, and so this is for you all. For all of us... Hang in there. In the end we can only do the best we can. Tell them everyday that we love them. It is all worth it!!!

## Top 10 Flea Myths

1. **People with Dirty Houses Get Fleas** - Unfortunately even the most spotless house can get infested by fleas. Fleas usually enter the house on your dogs, so if your dogs spend any time outdoors and you live in an area with fleas, it is important to protect them with a natural flea repellent at all times.
2. **Chemical Spot-On Flea Products Are an Easy and Safe Way to Prevent Fleas** - They are easy, yes, but their safety is a topic of much debate. There have been so many reports of adverse reactions in dogs to the popular chemical spot-on products, that the EPA has begun an investigation into their safety. You can read more on the [EPA website here](#).
3. **Chemical Flea Collars Are an Easy and Safe Way to Prevent Fleas** - Flea collars for dogs that use chemicals as a repellent are also the subject of much controversy due to reported side effects and studies showing potentially harmful chemical residues transferred to dogs. The Natural Resource Defense Council has even filed suit in California to block the sale of these products. An article with more details can be [found here](#).
4. **Fleas Live on dogs, Not in the House** - Fleas usually enter the house on dogs, as stated above, but they can quickly find refuge in the cozy environment in the house. Carpeting, pet beds, and furniture can quickly become homes for fleas. If you find fleas in the house, you should quickly take action to eliminate them.
5. **If I Have Hardwood Floors, My House is Safe** - Unfortunately fleas can live in the cracks of hardwood floors, and around the edges of tiled floors. And as mentioned above, they can also take refuge in furniture, bedding, and area rugs.
6. **Once My Pet is Rid of Fleas, The Problem is Solved** - Fleas do not leave easily, and they reproduce very quickly. Up to half of a flea population can be in the form of eggs or in the larval or cocoon stage, and it can take weeks for an egg to hatch and turn into a flea. If you have

seen fleas on your dog or in house, you need to be vigilant for months. The best approach is prevention, so always treat your dogs with a natural flea repellent if they spend time outdoors.

7. **There Are No Fleas in the Winter** - Although the flea population may disappear in the winter in cold climates, they can live comfortably on in your house. If your pet or your house had fleas during the warm months, keep a watchful eye out during the winter months as well. And of course fleas can survive in many warm Southern climates all year long, so flea control is a year-round battle there.
8. **My Veterinarian Can Most Effectively Treat Fleas** - It is not a bad idea to consult your veterinarian about flea control, but be wary of the chemical flea control products mentioned earlier. We recommend trying to find a holistic veterinarian who can guide you on natural flea control products. One resource for finding a holistic veterinarian is the [website for the American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association](http://www.americanholisticvet.org).
9. **Natural Flea Control Products Don't Work** - Although many natural flea control products don't have to go through EPA-mandated tests because they aren't classified as pesticides, this doesn't mean that they don't work. People all over the country use the natural approach to flea control effectively, and although it is not always as easy as using chemicals, you can rest assured that the products are safe for your pet and your family.
10. **A Healthy dog Won't Get Fleas** - While not completely accurate, there is some truth to the fact that a healthy animal is a less attractive host for fleas. That's one reason why it is important to start with a high quality diet of natural food as a base for good health. Even a healthy dog can get fleas, however, so you must keep a watchful eye out and use a natural flea repellent even on healthy dogs.

**How To Stop Your Dog From Jumping Up**  
<http://betterdogcareinfo.blogspot.com>

Depending on what stage you're at with the jumping up problem, you should find one of these training techniques will do the trick. In most cases you will see some positive results in a matter of days. These are my favorite methods which I have successfully used to stop my dogs from jumping:

When you see that your dog is ready to launch up at you, turn your body away from him. This will make your dog miss you, or at the very least deflect him off you. During this process don't make any eye contact with your dog and don't say a thing. Ignore your dog and make it clear to him that when he jumps he gets nothing from you. When your dog has settled down and stops jumping you then initiate some contact with him. Get down to his level and lavish him with praise and a nice scratch behind the ear. If you are consistent and persistent with this method, your dog will soon learn that staying on all four legs is a much better alternative!

The next method is the one I prefer to use with my dogs. In situations where your dog is excitable and prone to jumping up, give him something else to do. In these situations I instruct my dogs to "sit" - this is sometimes referred to as "alternate behavior training". So instead of jumping around like lunatics, my dogs sit patiently awaiting my attention (which I always reward them with).

Many dog trainers use and recommend correcting jumping up problems with a pinch collar (sometimes called a prong collar). This technique is most suitable for bigger, strong willed breeds like German Shepherds and Rottweilers. The key is to leave the pinch collar on whenever you are around your dog and have a short leash attached to it. At the moment your dog jumps, give a short sharp snap downwards on the leash. This tightens the collar and creates a negative association to your dog. It is said to replicate the correction dogs use between themselves. Never pull on the leash for more than a second or two, and never hurt your dog. When used the right way the pinch collar should not leave a mark on your dogs neck. Your dog will learn very quickly when he jumps up on people, it will be an unpleasant experience.

The good thing about jumping up problems in dogs is that they are usually an easy fix. As long as you are determined to correct the problem and follow the above training techniques you should be on the right track.

Respect

