

October 2009



Club Officers		
President	Toni Eichholz	816-520-8029
Vice-President	Mark Swanson	913-649-9521
Secretary	Erin Goins	816-298-7786
Treasurer	Wendy Flegel	816-289-0355
Bench/Obedience	Laura Roehrich	913-385-8015
Board Members	Laura Roehrich Crystal O'Dell	816-385-8015 816-456-5427
WCA Liaison	Debby Neal	816-436-9221
Membership/ Ratings	Mark Swanson	913-649-9521
Club Web Site	http://www.WCGKC.org	
Ways & Means	Crystal O'Dell	816-456-5427
Club Webmasters	Toni Eichholz Sharon Bridges	816-520-8029 816-626-3256
Club Newsletter	Sherry Rife	712-585-3427
Editor Email	greydog@myfmtc.com	

Events to Note

- Nov. 15 Club Meeting RSVP Wendy
- Nov. 23 Newsletter Deadline
- Dec. 12 Holiday Party at Deb's
- Jan. 16 Club Meeting RSVP Erin

Marking in the House

DogProblems.com

Marking is a house training issue first, and then a behavioral problem second.

Treat him like an 8-week old puppy. No freedom without supervision and a properly fitted pinch collar to correct him the MOMENT he lifts his leg. No unsupervised time unless he is safely confined and can be prevented from misbehaving.

Put him on the [Nothing In Life Is Free](#) program. This will teach him that you are in control and there is no need (nor is it appropriate in our society) to feel like he needs to own everything.

Remember that he is like the "new kid in school" right now too. He will go through a honeymoon period where he needs to adjust to your house. Provide him with consistent structure and boundaries to aid him in the transition. Everyone needs to be consistent...if you do not want him on the couch, do not let the kids invite him up. If you do not want him in a certain room of the house, don't let your husband sneak him in. This, along with the NILIF, gives him confidence to move around freely in the areas in which he KNOWS he's allowed, and with an obedience program as well, helps him adjust to your household.

Minutes of 9/12/09 Club Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Mark Swanson at 10:17 a.m. on Saturday, September 12th.

A motion was made to accept the prior meeting's minutes as printed in the previous newsletter; motion approved.

Secretary's Report: Laura received a Thank You card from Paula Hartinger, the judge from the Specialty. She commended the Club for their great job at hosting the Specialty.

Treasurer's Report: Wendy handed out the itemized detail of the bank account to all Officers. For everyone else, there will always be a copy in her Treasurer's Notebook at the meetings if you would like to take a look. Please submit all of your expenses from the Specialty to her.

Specialty: Mark thanked Laura for another great Specialty. Laura went on to thank the Club members who helped out. 6 out of 8 dogs qualified which was great. Laura has photos of the Specialty winners (and of her 15 month old CHAMPION-congrats Marshall!). Our next Specialty will be coming up March 18th thru the 21st. Laura made a

motion to have our regular Specialty on Friday and to have a Sweepstakes on Saturday along with the designated Specialty and all-breed show. Motion approved. Wendy offered to help out with trophies and Erin will assist Deb with the raffle.

Hunt Test/Ratings: Our Hunt Test and Ratings will take place the weekend of October 3rd and 4th.

- Ratings are on Saturday at 9 a.m.- need Club members to arrive at 8 a.m. There are still a couple of spots that Mark needs filled so please let him know if you can help out. Erin will cover the donuts and Laura will take care of the coffee. As far as lunch goes, we will wait to see how many entries there are and will get something the day of the event, if needed.
- The Hunt Test will take place on Sunday at 7:30 a.m.- need Club members to arrive at 7 a.m. Erin & Laura will cover the donuts and coffee again and Wendy will take care of the chili and hotdogs for lunch.
- Please remember to bring the Club's bowls, plates, signs, banner, and first aide kit.
- Also, please feel free to post the Premium on bulletin boards, e-mail groups, etc.

Membership: This was the second meeting for Lisa (minus Matt today) and Molly. A motion was made to accept their Application for Membership by Laura and approved by Deb- passed (of course!). Welcome to the group!

Just a reminder that Renewals are now Past Due. Erin will be sending out a copy of the roster soon.

Website: Toni has been very busy working 14 hour+ days. Staci has kindly offered to help out and mentioned a cheaper domain that we can use, which we were shopping around for anyway. A motion was made to allow Staci access to the website so that she can make updates and upgrades. Deb seconded; motion approved. Sharon mentioned that she also is very busy but offered her assistance to Staci as well. She also suggested that we have directions to the meeting site at James A. Reed on the website which everyone agreed was a great idea.

Newsletter: Erin will get copies mailed out to Deb and Sherry faster in the future.

Old Business:

- Mark is still working on the bird boxes but they are coming along nicely.
- Wendy will work on scheduling the By Laws meeting soon.
- The Vizsla Club Field and Fun Day will be on Sept 19th. Lisa & Matt are planning to attend.

New Business:

- There is a new indoor dog park opening in the Northland today. www.boloskc.com
- Laura received the info for our insurance premium renewal. It is \$600/year and covers liability and accidents. A motion was made and approved to pay the premium. Wendy offered to look into alternatives for next year.

Upcoming Meetings:

November 15th -location TBD -RSVP to Wendy. wendyfleget@gmail.com or 816-289-0355

December 12th -Holiday Party @ Deb's.

January 16th -location TBD -RSVP to Erin.

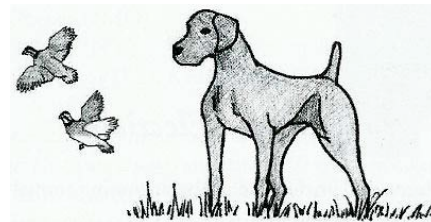
The meeting was adjourned unanimously at 11 a.m.

Dates on the OCTOBER Calendar

12th Columbus Day

24th United Nations Day

31st Halloween



**Why Rubbing Your Dog's Ears Is
A Natural Sedative**

By Adam Katz

Nearly all dogs love having their ears rubbed. You wouldn't think this would be such a common phenomenon. After all, there are hundreds of breeds, and all of their ears are different. Papillons' look like wings, German shepherds' are sharp peaks, and basset hounds have big, hanging floppies. But they all love a little ear work just the same. It's pretty much universal. Dogs crave affection and touch from their owners, so a rub on the ears meets a basic need for communication.

It's All About The Nerves.

Ears are one of a handful of nerve centers on a dog's body that are extra-sensitive to touch. The only other places that are nearly as sensitive are their bellies and the nooks between their toes.

When you rub a dog's ears, the pleasure she feels is intense. And the good feelings don't stop on the surface. Their ears contain nerve branches that extend to the internal organs, says. When you rub them, your dog doesn't just feel good on the top



Best Veteran

Ch. Silhouette's Dream Weaver, CD, RE

Life goes to the dogs for Sherry Rife

By Jan Castle Renander

Sherry Rife of New Market attended her first dog show in 1970. Her husband, Kurt, was stationed in California with the Air Force and they had just purchased Rusty, a registered German Shorthair. The breeder recommended they attend the Santa Barbara Kennel Club Dog Show.

"It was a huge show," Sherry recalls. "Celebrities everywhere."

Dog shows impact people in one of two ways, Sherry explains.

"It hits you right away and you're either hooked or you want to get as far away as possible. I was hooked.

"I learned to show with Rusty and he always placed third or fourth," Sherry explains.

Kurt always wanted a Weimaraner so they got Misty (male) as a puppy in 1982. Then Jessie (female) joined the family because, as Sherry says, "You can't have just one Weim!"

Today, Kurt's retired from the Air Force and the couple lives north of New Market. The family includes daughter Jennifer Rife, who lives two miles east of her parents, and son Jeff, who lives in Bellevue, NE. Kurt and Sherry have three grandchildren. And, of course, there are the dogs: They have seven Weimaraners, one German wire-haired pointer, and one Silky Terrier. Last December they finished building a new kennel and prior to that, they constructed a new training facility and storage shed.

Sherry began taking obedience classes with Misty. In the beginning, her motivation was purely practical.

"He was a big boy and he needed some training. He needed manners."

Life repeated itself, however, and Sherry got hooked on obedience and began showing her dogs not only for their confirmation (characteristics of the breed) but in obedience classes.

Today, Sherry conducts all her own training and teaches dog obedience classes through adult education at Iowa Western Community College. She oversaw the 4-H dog program in Page County for several years as well. In addition, she works with Heartland Weim Rescue as a "foster family" for rescued Weimaraners. She explains that a lot of Weimaraners are left at rescue shelters because their owners get them as puppies and do not realize how large the dogs will get or how much exercise and work they require.

Kurt was stationed at Offutt Air Force Base when the couple found their New Market home 20 years ago. "When he retired, we wanted a place where we could have the dogs, more than you're allowed in the city," Sherry explains. "I was looking through the paper one day and saw this ad: Kennel for sale."

And that was that, as the saying goes. Kurt retired after 24 years in the Air Force and the couple settled into the next phase of their lives. Sherry works as a home health aide and Kurt now works at Offutt as a civilian contractor. Kurt is an avid hunter and Sherry's life revolves around the dogs, her classes, and the next show.

"Kurt says he's the kennel help," Sherry explains. "He holds the dogs and if I have a conflict, if I have to have two dogs in the ring at the same time, he will take a dog into the ring. When we're gone, our daughter is the kennel help. She comes over and takes care of the dogs."

As if Sherry's life was not full enough, she added pet therapy to the agenda. She is one of several dog owners who take their therapy dogs to Clarinda Regional Health Center.

"The staff likes it as much as the patients, I think," she says. Therapy dogs require the right temperament and Sherry says her dog, Wager, is a perfect fit. He did not enjoy being a show dog but is calm and loves to be petted.

"He's doing therapy and he likes that. That's his thing."

Sherry explains that many patients talk about their own pets when the therapy dogs come in and the visit can be a day brightener.

"Wager will walk in and put his head in their lap. He's a leaner. You pet him and he'll lean up against you and just stay there."

Sherry notes that training dogs requires what she calls the three P's. Patience, persistence and perseverance. "You have to work with them daily. A power walk is important. They need 30-40 minutes daily. They have energy to burn off and if they don't burn it off on a power walk, they'll burn it off when you don't want them to."

As far as the immortal question: Are all dogs trainable? Sherry says, "Yes." "There are more difficult dogs to train, but rarely is there a dog that cannot learn something."



Sources When Your Pet Friend Needs Help

<http://www.ticketots.com/2009/09/links-for-pet-help/>

We put up a list of links for pet help...Most are charitable organizations, but because of the economy, many are struggling. If you are able, we hope that you will consider offering one of these a contribution. You never know if someday you'll be seeking their help. We'll give some brief intro on each one.

AAHA Helping pets fund: The AAHA (American Animal Hospital Association) Foundation offers grants for veterinary care of pets that have been abandoned and those whose owners are experiencing financial hardship. AAHA-accredited veterinary practices may apply for financial assistance on behalf of their clients in need.

<http://www.aahahelpingpets.org/>

Angels4Animals: is a small non-profit organization of humanitarians and animal lovers whose sole mission is to alleviate the unnecessary suffering of innocent pets. Their goals are to 1) mitigate unnecessary pain and suffering in animals that cannot access veterinary treatment because of financial constraints facing their owners and to 2)

assist pet owners in making animal care decisions based upon the needs of the animal rather than financial limitations.

<http://angels4animals.org/>

Animal Poison Control Center (ASPCA): They are probably your best resource for any animal poison-related emergency, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. If you think that your pet may have ingested a potentially poisonous substance, call (888) 426-4435. A \$60 consultation fee may be applied to your credit card. There are so many poisonous substances out there. The momma has called them many times and they are always very kind and helpful.

<http://www.aspca.org/pet-care/poison-control/>

Canine Cancer Awareness: Their mission is to provide you with knowledge and support so that you can consult with your vet to get the best possible treatment for your dog with cancer.

<http://caninecancerawareness.org/cancer-and-dogs/>

Feline Outreach: (hey! that's for cats only! grrrrrr) This is an organization dedicated to providing caregivers the educational and financial assistance necessary to care for their cats.

<http://www.felineoutreach.org/AboutUs.html>

Feline Veterinary Emergency Assistance Program (FVEAP): FVEAP has an interesting history. They began when a tiny kitten (Bazil) had a life-threatening condition requiring surgery. Bazil's guardian had lost her job and was unable to pay for the expensive procedure. She went to an online group of friends for advice. This group of people, who had never met each other, came together out of love and compassion and donated \$1,400 to save Bazil. As a result of this effort, which had many complications, it was decided that a nonprofit corporation should be formed to provide a simple, safe and efficient way to accept donations and disburse funds for veterinary emergencies.

<http://www.fveap.org/sys-tmpl/door/>

<http://www.fveap.org/sys-tmpl/door/>

Handicapped Pets: They understand the needs of handicapped pets and are a good source products, services, support and advice to help you care for them. They offer help for pets with cancer, terminal illness, arthritis, or paralysis, as well as senior/geriatric, injured pets, or pets recovering from surgery.

<http://handicappedpets.com/www/index.php>

Help-A-Pet: They understand the therapeutic benefits of having a pet, particularly for physically and mentally challenged individuals, senior citizens, and children of the working poor. However, these are often the people who are hit the hardest by the economy. The applicants must provide proof of

income and are expected to share in the total cost to show their commitment to their pet.

<http://www.help-a-pet.org/>

IMOM (In Memory of Magic): They are dedicated to insure that no companion animal has to be euthanized simply because their caretaker is financially challenged. They also have an online shopping mall with links to popular stores. A small percentage of the sales will be donated to IMOM.

<http://www.imom.org/>

The Magic Bullet Fund: MBF helps people who have made room in their homes and hearts for a canine companion, but do not have the financial resources to provide cancer treatment. MBF does NOT fund research or promise to cure canine cancer. They help real life dogs, working with families and veterinarians, to ensure that they receive the treatment they need.

<http://www.themagicbulletfund.org/>

Rolling Dog Ranch: The Rolling Dog Ranch is an animal sanctuary in Montana that rescues and shelters disabled animals. Every animal who arrives at the sanctuary gets another chance to have a safe and loving home. Their residents include blind dogs, blind horses, deaf dogs, blind cats, and animals with other neurological and orthopedic disabilities. They feel that although these animals may have disabilities, they do not consider themselves handicapped. They just want to get on with life and enjoy themselves.

<http://www.rollingdogranch.org/>

also bring any toys or other objects that will make him feel at home.

2. **Take a walk.** When you first arrive at the hotel, ask the staff where there is a nice, safe place to walk around. Then take your dog there for a walk to relax him.
3. **Enter your hotel room first.** This is very important, since this is the first time you are entering the environment with your dog. Right from the start, you are letting him know that this is "your" space.
4. **Ask your dog to wait.** Don't let him start exploring right away. Instead, have him wait patiently while you unpack, shower, or make phone calls. It's important that your scent is everywhere before the dog settles in. The only one who should move in the environment is you -- until you are ready. Then you initiate activity.
5. **Maintain your dog's schedule.** Keep the same feeding schedule, and make sure your dog gets the same amount of exercise while on your vacation as he would at home. A good exercise routine can help alleviate any anxiety he may feel about the change in environment.
6. **Find out about the area.** Will it be hotter or colder than your dog is used to? Are there any regional health risks you need to be aware of? Where is the nearest vet and 24-hour clinic? Prepare in advance!
7. **Reserve a pet-friendly room in advance.** Make sure you understand the rules you need to follow and what services they offer for your pet

CANINE MIXUP PUZZLE

By Heidi Schuette
(She had Boston Terriers)

Here's some fun! Hidden words are printed in a straight line, but may read from top to bottom, at a diagonal, or backward from right to left anywhere in the diagram. The words are breeds of dogs and are listed below.

S L G E R M A N S H E P H E R D D	Pointer	Great Dane
A I O L S E R X P R K S I W N W N	Dachshund	Blood Hound
L J R W L J I N O E H L S U E E U	Chow Chow	Saluki
U N D P K U E H X X L P H P N I O	Basenji	Boxer
K E O M I R P U G O L S D R A M H	Collie	Gordon Setter
I S N C H O W S C B H N T G D A D	Pug	German Shepherd
D A S A I U P K W C S O I E T R O	Poodle	Weimaraner
R B E N R G L Y A O J S P T A A O	Puli	Golden Retriever
A X T S L L R D B E A G L E E N L	Briard	
I E T E L D O O P A T X S S R E B	Corgi	
R D E P G W O H C W O H C R G R L	Beagle	
B S R E V E I R T E R N E D L O G	Husky	

Tips for Your Dog's Hotel Stay

By Cesar Millan

When you're on vacation, it's important to let your dog know that the rules at the hotel are the same as the rules at home. This will help both you and your dog to relax, knowing that you've got everything under control!

1. **Bring your dog's bed or favorite blanket from home.** Having a familiar object will help your dog to feel comfortable. You can

Rule Change for AKC Events

Effective January 1, 2010 All dogs must be individually registered with either the AKC or a foreign registry organization whose pedigrees are acceptable for AKC registration in order to participate in any AKC Conformation, Performance, or Companion event. [See details and FAQs here.](#)

See the full text of the [Rules Applying to Dog Shows.](#)

If you have further questions please contact the Event Plans Department at eventplans@akc.org or (919) 816-3579.