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Events to Note

- May 16** Meeting at James A Reed RSVP Mark
- May 19** Newsletter Deadline (early due to holiday)

Dates on the May Calendar

- 5th Cinco de Mayo
- 10th Mother's Day
- 16th Armed Forces Day
- 25th Memorial Day

Show News

Ch Nani's Jack of All Trades, UDX, RE, NSD, VX
owned by Sally Watson and Chris Grisell
1st place Open B
1st place Veterans
Weimaraner Club of Gr. St. Louis specialty, Feb.
27, 2009
Win' Weims Reap the Wild Wind V YDOC
owned by Sally Watson
Winners Bitch, Best of Opposite Sex, for 1 pt.
Belle City KC March 1, 2009
Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, for 1 pt.
Columbia MO KC March 8, 2009

Marshall's win was at the Hutchison KC show April 5 under Mrs. Barbara Dempsey Alderman for 1 point. Proud owner is Laura Roehrich.



Your Dog's Barking

Bernard, who is noted for his gracious manners, was awakened one morning at four forty four a.m. by his ringing telephone..."Your dog's barking, and it's keeping me awake," said an angry voice. Bernard thanked the caller and politely asked his name and number before hanging up.

The next morning at precisely four forty four a.m., Bernard called his neighbor back ..."Good morning, Mr. Williams.... Just called to say that I don't *have* a dog."

Our next meeting will be **May 16th** at James Reed Wildlife Area. We'll open the gates to Praire Hollow at 9:00 a.m. RSVP to Mark Swanson at 913-649-9521.

President's Notes

Can you believe it is almost May??? Where has the time gone??? We had such a blast at the last meeting with all the Weims I am SOOOO looking forward to the upcoming meetings and meeting more!!

The Pet Expo went off extremely well - thank you Toni for putting this all together for us.

Next big event will be our specialty August 21st - please mark your calendars!! Also we need to start collecting items for the raffle and silent auctions. Please let Debby Neal know of any items that you will have. Thanks in advance for all the wonderful items I know we can make a lot of money!!! Also remember to pump your friends, bosses and relatives for sponsoring a class. \$25.00 will sponsor one class which helps us to defray the expenses associated with the show (i.e. Judges fees, trophies, ribbons etc.). Thanks again for helping out!

Happy Spring to all!!
Laura Roehrich

My Mom

By Cesar Millan May 2007

To me, being compared to a dog is the ultimate compliment, and my mom certainly deserves the honor for her honesty, integrity, and loyalty. Without my mother's encouragement and support, I would not be where I am today. She taught me the value of being around the right people, being a part of the right "pack." She would say, "Don't hang around people with no goals. They'll only slow you down." I still believe that today. You're not going to grow unless you surround yourself with other people who want to grow. That is a lesson I hope to pass on to my kids.

Something else my mom deserves credit for: my signature "tsst" sound. As a child, it was the sound my mother would make around the house to get our attention or discourage something we were doing. I wish all mothers and mothers-to-be a very happy mother's day. I hope you are surrounded by the love and warmth of family on your special day.

If I Didn't Have a Dog...

I would not be on a first-name basis with 6 veterinarians, as I put their yet unborn grand kids through college.

I AM YOUR PUPPY

by J. Ellis

Here's a great article that our forum members are very fond of. It's become a classic on the internet for first time puppy owners, courtesy of J. Ellis. I thought you might enjoy this:

I am your Puppy, and I will love you until the end of the Earth, but please know a few things about me.

I am a Puppy, this means that my intelligence and capacity for learning are the same as an 8-month-old child. I am a Puppy; I will chew EVERYTHING I can get my teeth on. This is how I explore and learn about the world. Even HUMAN children put things in their mouths. It's up to you to guide me to what is mine to chew and what is not.

I am a Puppy; I cannot hold my bladder for longer than 1 - 2 hours. I cannot "feel" that I need to poop until it is actually beginning to come out. I cannot vocalize nor tell you that I need to go, and I cannot have "bladder and bowel control" until 6 - 9 months. Do not punish me if you have not let me out for 3 hours and I tinkle. It is your fault. As a Puppy, it is wise to remember that I NEED to go potty after: Eating, Sleeping, playing, Drinking and around every 2 - 3 hours in addition. If you want me to sleep through the night, then do not give me water after 8 p.m. A crate will help me learn to housebreak easier, and will avoid you being mad at me.

I am a Puppy, accidents WILL happen, please be patient with me! In time I will learn.

I am a Puppy, I like to play. I will run around, and chase imaginary monsters, and chase your feet and your toes and 'attack' you, and chase fuzz balls, other pets, and small kids. It is play; it's what I do. Do not be mad at me or expect me to be sedate, mellow and sleep all day. If my high energy level is too much for you, maybe you could consider an older rescue from a shelter or Rescue group. My play is beneficial, use your wisdom to guide me in my play with appropriate toys, and activities like chasing a rolling ball, or gentle tug games, or plenty of chew toys for me. If I nip you too hard, talk to me in "dog talk", by giving a loud YELP, I will usually get the message, as this is how dogs communicate with one another. If I get too rough, simply ignore me for a few moments, or put me in my crate with an appropriate chew toy.

I am a Puppy; hopefully you would not yell, hit, strike, kick or beat a 6-month-old human infant, so please do not do the same to me. I am delicate, and also very impressionable. If you treat me harshly now, I will grow up learning to fear being hit, spanked, kicked or beat. Instead, please guide me with encouragement and wisdom. For instance, if I am chewing something wrong, say, "No chew!" and hand me a toy I CAN chew. Better yet, pick up ANYTHING that you do not want me to get into. I can't tell the difference between your old sock

and your new sock, or an old sneaker and your \$200 Nikes.

I am a Puppy, and I am a creature with feelings and drives much like your own, but yet also very different. Although I am NOT a human in a dog suit, neither am I an unfeeling robot who can instantly obey your every whim. I truly DO want to please you, and be a part of your family, and your life. You got me (I hope) because you want a loving partner and companion, so do not relegate me to the backyard when I get bigger, do not judge me harshly but instead mold me with gentleness and guidelines and training into the kind of family member you want me to be here.

I am a Puppy and I am not perfect, and I know you are not perfect either. I love you anyway. So please, learn all you can about training, and puppy behaviors and caring for me from your Veterinarian, books on dog care and even researching on the computer! Learn about my particular breed and it's "characteristics", it will give you understanding and insight into WHY I do all the things I do. Please teach me with love, patience, the right way to behave and socialize me with training in a puppy class or obedience class, we will BOTH have a lot of fun together.

I am a Puppy and I want more than anything to love you, to be with you, and to please you. Won't you please take time to understand how I work? We are the same you and I, in that we both feel hunger, pain, thirst, discomfort, fear, but yet we are also very different and must work to understand one another's language, body signals, wants and needs. Some day I will be a handsome dog, hopefully one you can be proud of and one that you will love as much as I love you.

Love, Your Puppy

What is a Dog?

- 1) Dogs lie around all day, sprawled on the most comfortable piece of furniture in the house.
- 2) They can hear a package of food opening half a block away, but don't hear you when you're in the same room.
- 3) They can look dumb and lovable all at the same time.
- 4) They growl when they are not happy.
- 5) When you want to play, they want to play.
- 6) When you want to be alone, they want to play.
- 7) They are great at begging.
- 8) They will love you forever if you rub their tummies.
- 9) They leave their toys everywhere.

10) They do disgusting things with their mouths and then try to give you a kiss.

"Nobody can fully understand the meaning of love unless he's owned by a dog." - Gene Hill

Pacemakers for Pooches

Pacemakers can be used in almost any veterinary patient, big or small. Age is not a prohibitive factor either. From a young puppy to an old goat, the devices can be used to correct electrical problems with the heart. In most cases the pacemakers correct one of two problems: either an abnormally slow heart rate, called bradycardia, or an irregular heartbeat, called an arrhythmia.

Years ago pacemakers were about the size of an orange, while today they are a little bigger than a sliver dollar. With the advent of cell phones, some cardiologists have recommended that those with pacemakers use the phone on the opposite side of the body than where the pacemaker is placed. So the next time your lab, or better yet, your thoroughbred, tries to answer its phone on the same side that the pacemaker is on, remind it to use the other paw or hoof.

For more information on artificial pacemakers for veterinary patients, visit the CanPacers website at www.canpacers.com.

"As I walk across your heart and find my place to stay, nearer to you I will be and never go away." - author unknown

"In order to keep a true perspective of one's importance, everyone should have a dog that will worship him and a cat that will ignore him."

Dereke Bruce

Top 5 Easiest Dog Breeds For Training

By Adam G. Katz, Dogproblems.com

The nice things about our approach to dog training is that we can train any dog, of any breed. However, there are some breeds that are even easier to train than most. Here is our current list of the top five dog breeds for easy training:

5. **Australian Shepherd:** A very smart breed, they learn new commands quickly and are very stable and almost never get defensive.

4. **Doberman Pinscher:** Definitely one of the most intelligent breeds Find one with good ball/play drive and there is pretty much nothing this breed can't do.

3. **Border Collie:** One of the ultimate working dog breeds, they have a tendency to be on the sensitive side. But if you recognize that, these dogs have a jaw dropping ability to work with their handler/owner.

2. **Golden Retriever:** These dogs are pretty much always happy and simply a joy to train. Even if it's drizzling outside, these dogs have an eternally 'sunny' disposition. They are also the most forgiving of breeds, which makes them excellent for the novice handler.

1. **Poodle:** With most dogs, it takes 5 or 6 times, before they understand a new command. With many Poodles, you can tell them twice and they 'get it'. One hundred years ago, they were used as circus dogs. Apparently, they've maintained much of their intelligence and trainability.

"A door is what a dog is perpetually on the wrong side of." - Ogden Nash

WHAT IS A BREEDER ??

Author unknown

A Breeder (with a capital B) is one who thirsts for knowledge and never really knows it all, one who wrestles with decisions of conscience, convenience, and commitment.

A Breeder is one who sacrifices personal interests, finances, time, friendships, fancy furniture, and deep pile carpeting! She gives up the dreams of a long, luxurious cruise in favour of turning that all important Show into this years "vacation".

The Breeder goes without sleep (but never without coffee!) in hours spent planning a breeding or watching anxiously over the birth process, and afterwards, over every little sneeze, wiggle or cry.

The Breeder skips dinner parties because that litter is due or the babies have to be fed at eight She disregards birth fluids and puts mouth to mouth to save a gasping newborn, literally blowing life into a tiny, helpless creature that may be the culmination of a lifetime of dreams.

A Breeders lap is a marvelous place where generations of proud and noble champions once snoozed. A Breeders hands are strong and firm and often soiled, but ever so gentle and sensitive to the thrusts of a kitten's wet nose.

A Breeders back and knees are usually arthritic from stooping, bending, and sitting in the birthing box, but are strong enough to enable the breeder to Show the next choice kitten to a Championship.

A Breeders shoulders are stooped and often heaped with abuse from competitors, but they're wide enough to support the weight of a thousand defeats and frustrations. A Breeders arms are always able to wield a mop, support an armful of kittens, or lend a helping hand to a newcomer.

A Breeders ears are wonderful things, sometimes red (from being talked about) or strangely shaped (from being pressed against a phone receiver), often deaf to criticism, yet always fine-tuned to the whimper of a sick kitten.

A Breeders eyes are blurred from pedigree research and sometimes blind to her own cat's faults, but they are ever so keen to the competitions faults and are always searching for the perfect specimen.

A Breeders brain is foggy on faces, but it can recall pedigrees faster than an IBM computer. It's so full of knowledge that sometimes it blows a fuse: it catalogues thousands of good bonings, fine ears, and perfect heads... and buries in the soul the failures and the ones that didn't turn out. The Breeders heart is often broken, but it beats strongly with hope everlasting... and it's always in the right place !

Oh, yes, there are breeders, and then, there are BREEDERS!!

SO, YOU WANT TO BE A BREEDER

So you want to be a breeder do you? Good for you! That's what I am, a breeder. But before you decide to go ahead and breed dogs or cats, here are a few things you need to know, and a few things you need to have.

1. You'll need to be willing to clean up vomit, urine, feces, chewed up sofas, ruined shoes, and destroyed books, TV remotes, curtains and wallpaper. Then you'll need to be willing to do it all over again the next day, and the next, and the next....

2. You'll need a strong stomach, to be able to stand the stench of rotting fetuses aborted mid term by your pregnant female you've been waiting two years to breed. You'll need that strong stomach when you look down on the occasional deformed monster your female gives birth to, and you'll need it when you humanely destroy that same puppy or kitten.

3. You'll need a strong heart to be able to nurture and love your healthy puppies and kittens until they're ready to be sold into the hands of strangers who may abuse, neglect, starve, beat, or at best ignore them. You'll need that strong heart

when even the puppies or kittens that go to good homes end up run over by accident, or put down from illness. You'll need it when the tears of those 'good owners' are pouring their way into your heart.

4. You'll need lots of room to be able to keep females in heat away from stud boys, stud boys away from each other, and puppies and kittens away from everything. Don't forget about those last two pups or kittens that you couldn't find homes for, or the rescue your breed club begged you to take in, or the pup or kitten from your last litter that the owners decided just wasn't right for them.

5. You'll need to be able to stand grief and loss. Like the way you'll feel the first time you lose a female during labor, and realize that it was your decision to breed her that killed her. You'll need it when you explain to your kids and friends why the miracle of birth has a dark side as well.

6. You'll need an employer that will understand if you have to take time off work because your female died in labor or you're hand feeding the new puppies or kittens every 2/3 hours day and night.

Wait a minute you're saying by now! Give me a break! All you breeders are the same. You only tell us the gory stuff, the stuff intended to scare us off breeding forever. What about the money? I mean you guys just don't want anyone else to compete with you....

Oh yes the money, glad you mentioned it.

7. You'll need money. Lots of it. Probably lots more than you have, especially if the above mentioned employer didn't turn out to be so sympathetic after all. Lets do some math shall we? Vet bills, Cesarean section, stud fees, registrations, vaccinations, worming, check ups, special diets, birthing gear, FOOD and lots of it Let's say an average of \$700 - \$1200 per litter, if nothing complicated arises. All this must be paid out before the first puppy or kitten ever sells, assuming that they're not all stillborn, in which case don't forget the cost of post mortems. Even if every puppy or kitten in the litter is show quality (we can all dream after all) and you find each one a dream home, you're still going to lose about \$300+ per litter....if you rear them the RIGHT way

Wait! Where are you going? I didn't tell you about show fees, travel expenses, or picking the right stud boy, or cost of paperwork, or KC/GCCF registrations, or dog/cat pens, or irate neighbours, or licenses.....

Baking Soda & Doggy Odor

From the Internet

Baking soda also works quite well especially if you buy the ones that are made to go in the fridge. They have some kind of paper or film over the baking soda so they don't spill. We used baking soda at a hotel I managed and it was very effective at eliminating odors including pet and smoking odors. In between baths you can also dust your pooch down with baking soda then brush it in real well to help rid doggy body odor.

Baking soda can also help if your pet gets oil or some other yucky substance on its coat. Dust the baking soda over the spot let it sit for an hour or so then brush out the yucky spot.

Spot On Pesticides

From the Internet

Due to a recent sharp increase in the number of incidents being reported from the use of spot-on pesticide products for flea and tick control for pets, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is intensifying its evaluation of whether further restrictions on the use of these products are necessary to better protect pets.

Incidents with flea and tick products can involve the use of spot-on treatments, sprays, collars and shampoos. However, the majority of the potential incidents reported to EPA are related to flea and tick treatments with EPA-registered spot-on products. Spot-on products are generally sold in tubes or vials and are applied to one or more localized areas on the body of the pet, such as in between the shoulders or in a stripe along the back.

EPA-registered spot-on, topically applied flea and tick products have an EPA Registration Number on the label (look for EPA Reg. No. XXX-XX).

Incident report summary

Adverse reactions reported from the spot-on products range from mild effects such as skin irritation to more serious effects such as seizures and in some cases death. Over 44,000 potential incidents associated with registered spot-on products were reported to EPA in 2008. Pesticide registrants are required by law to submit information to EPA on adverse effects resulting from the use of any registered pesticide. The seven products in the table below represent about 80% of that total.

In reviewing the list of seven products, please note the following:

- This information is subject to revision as new information becomes available;
- This information does not account for the market share of these products;
- This information does not reflect the severity of incidents;
- This information does not reflect potential misuse of the products; and
- If incidents are not reported by pet owners or registrants, this may affect the potential accuracy of this list.

In addition, a cause and effect relationship between these products and any individual adverse reaction or incident has not been confirmed. EPA is carefully evaluating all available data, including incident data, to help identify and if necessary, take prompt regulatory action to address risks. By collecting, compiling, and reviewing the incident data, EPA is able to make better decisions to reduce risks and target other regulatory activities. For some of these products, the same product is distributed by another company under an agreement with the primary registrant. EPA requires the label for the distributor product be identical to that of the primary product (in terms of uses of the product, precautions, etc.). Distributor products can be identified by having a three-part EPA registration number instead of a two-part number.

Nipping Behavior

From DogProblems.com

Nipping behavior is perfectly natural. What you need to teach is that it is not permitted when playing with people. For one thing do not play chasing games.

I know the prong collar looks scary but looks can be and are deceiving. The prong (aka pinch) collar is designed to imitate the way her Mama corrected her. She understands this type of correction as long as it's properly timed. At this young age you could fasten the lead to both rings in order to soften the correction. I'm not sure if you'd need a small or a micro-prong but the collar must fit very snug, and high on the dog's neck behind the ears. The Herm Sprenger and Titan brands are the best ones to buy. If a firm, growling no is not sufficient motivation for her to stop the nipping, you can give her a scruff shake or fold her top lips under so that she bites herself.

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.

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THANK YOU!!!!



Skin Problems

By Jeff Grognet, DVM

Canine skin disease is the most common health problem presented to veterinarians. It can be frustrating to diagnose, because many diseases look the same yet require different treatments. But because just a few diseases account for the majority of dermatologic cases, the odds are good that the veterinarian will make the correct diagnosis and create an appropriate treatment plan.

