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MARCH MEETING HOSTS SPEAKER ON WATER THERAPY

Member Debbie La Monica, LMP, SAMP - therapist will be the host speaker for our March 23rd meeting discussing the benefits of massage and water therapy for dogs. Debbie is employed at Splash Dog in Edmonds, Washington. Debbie has a background in human medicine and her interest in holistic health led her to a career in massage. Debbie is an honors graduate of Ashmead College in Everett, Washington. Her belief in the benefits of canine massage and warm water therapy is a very heartfelt and personal one. She saw the effectiveness of these modalities when she had the opportunity to work with Cindy Horsfall at La Paw Spa. Within a year, Debbie witnessed a complete rehabilitation of her beloved Whippet, Karma, who returned to full function from a very serious injury. Debbie has a special interest in canine performance, conditioning, and rehabilitation. She is an active participant in obedience, conformation events, and athletic endeavors such as lure coursing and racing with her Whippets Karma, Julia, and Winnie.

The club will have a very brief business meeting following the presentation. Committee chairs be prepared to discuss any action items that you need the membership vote on at that meeting. Contact the President in advance so you can be put on the agenda. Most of the meeting will be devoted to the speaker and questions and have limited business except for important announcements and action items.

LET EM' EAT GRASS

Dogs commonly eat grass, and there are several explanations that have been offered for this behavior. One, wild canids (e.g., wolves and fox) eat all of an animal when they catch it. Since they eat many herbivores (plant-eating animals), they end up eating a lot of grasses and plants that were in the intestines of these animals. In addition, they have been known to eat certain berries and other plant material. Dogs then, may eat grass because, in reality, it is a normal part of their diet.

Many times, dogs will vomit after eating grass. Did they eat grass to make them vomit? Or did they vomit because they ate grass? It is a mystery, but it seems that some dogs may eat vegetation when they have an upset stomach. The third reason - they just like it. Some dogs have certain species of grass or plant material that they will search out and eat. In any case, grass eating is basically a normal behavior, and is not of concern unless your dog does it excessively.

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Manthou Mumblin's

I am trying to decide what clothes to bring to the Whippet National this year. I gotta start throwing something in the suitcase. Phoenix is reported to be over 70 degrees at this time of year. One must have comfortable clothes and other amenities to make the trip enjoyable. I am going to try to take some photos at the event along with some notes of the event. Lots of club members are going: Christine Hopperstad, Peggy Hewes, Jeanette Dorsey, Mary and Chris Downing, the Davenports, the Swepstons, Marla Meislin, Gail Dunbar, Janis Castle and her brother Randy will meet her brother and sister in law of Summit whippets there. There local puppies in the Futurity classes belonging to members Chris Downing and Janis Castle. It will be very strange for me not to bring a dog this year to show. I have gone every year since 1997 when I went to San Diego with former member, Donna Pederson. Seems like time went really fast because here it is 8 years later. If you have never gone you really need to attend once just for the experience. You will enjoy seeing the Top 20 dogs in person, seeing some Veteran's come out that may be in your dogs pedigree and in the futurity see what some of the various breeders are producing out of their kennels. The vendors have been spectacular and hang on to your VISA as it gets lots of action being there a whole week. I have never gone to the Lure Coursing or Agility events so I need to do that some time.

The March meeting will feature Debbie La Monica Anderson with information regarding therapy for your dog. It should be very interesting and helpful to all of us. There are several members that are using these therapies on their dogs.

I hope that each of you are able to come to the Awards Banquet in April. Our dogs work hard for us trying to please us whether it is in the show ring, in the obedience ring, or on the field. Well, on the field they are probably pleasing themselves by trying to get that bunny. I know each of us spend a lot of time training our dogs for the various events. And the Awards are a gesture by the club to recognize you and your dog for all the effort both of you put into earning the title. Thanks again to all the members who offer their special award to members. Please try to attend if you have won an award. It is unfortunate when the names are called for an award and no one is there to receive it. Have a wonderful spring . SM

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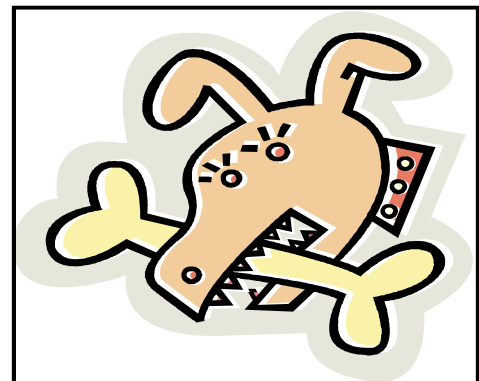
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Membership: \$15/person or \$20/family at the same address. For details, contact:

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2004 Specialty Videos Available

Video tapes from the 2004 specialty are available from Phyllis Brettell. The cost is \$40 for the set of 3 videos, \$25 for each, or \$10 for the Sweeps only video. The three videos are one for Friday regular classes, one for Saturday regular classes, and one for the Sweeps for both days and the special classes. There is 6 hours of show on the tapes. Contact Phyllis at 253- 875-2525,



Western Washington Whippet Association
Meeting Minutes for February 23, 2005
Tony Roma's Restaurant,
Tukwilia, WA

Those in attendance: Aaron & Kerie Swepston, Sue Hopper, Bill & Diane Davenport, Janis Castle, Susan Manthou, Gail Dunbar, Marla Meislin-Dietrich, Diane Salts, Phyllis B Brettell, Jeanette Dorsey, Cecilia Barnett, Don Cranshaw, Peggy Hewes

Meeting called to order by Susan Manthou

Janis moved and Don seconded to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter – motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Janis presented the show committee report financially, along with a budget comparison that showed the trend from 2003 compared to 2004. The report showed that we lost money on the specialty show both years. Janis pointed out the areas that we can improve are sweepstakes, judges fees, and trophies to have events cover themselves.

Peggy moved and Aaron seconded that we accept the report – motion passed.

Correspondence – Read a Christmas letter from Jo and Glen Soward.

Committee Reports

Race Committee – Don presented a budget for the race committee. Jeannette Dorsey moved and Diane Salts seconded that we accept the budget – motion passed

Show Committee – The budget that Janis presented earlier was referred to. Aaron moved and Bill seconded that we accept the show committee budget for the 2005 specialty – motion passed. Additionally, Jeannette presented information regarding a B-match taking place on Saturday June 18 at Marymoor Park and wanted the club to participate. Janis moved, and Gail seconded that we participate and support a ring at the match – motion passed., The committee will be contacting the 2006 judge that the hound club will be using for their specialty about the possibility of using them for our specialty in an interest to secure that person now, and to share expenses with the hound club. Also, we now have an obedience judge for the 2005 specialty. Video tapes from the 2004 specialty were available at the meeting and are available from Phyllis and Cecilia – they are \$40 for the set of 3 videos, \$25 for each, or \$10 for the Sweeps only video. The three videos are one for Friday regular classes, one for Saturday regular classes, and one for the Sweeps for both days and the special classes.

Annual Awards – Jeannette Dorsey led a discussion regarding when and where to hold the annual awards banquet. Jeannette presented three options and the general consensus was to hold it at Spaghetti Factory in Tacoma on April 10. There is no room fee. There was discussion about how the meal fee should include both the meal and the room fee. Since the Spaghetti Factory won't be charging a room fee, nothing needed to be decided. The club covers the expense of the trophies. Jeannette presented a budget for awards, Bill moved and Diane Salts seconded that we accept the budget – motion passed.

Programs and Education – Gail announced that there would be a program at the March meeting on Water Massage Therapy (Splash Dog Therapy). The speaker will come to our meeting location. There will be a speaker in May.

Membership – Bill requested people to let him know about any changes to their information. The membership passed that Jeanette Monigold will become a lifetime member.

Card Lady – Cards were sent to the following people in the month of February:

Marla and Anita – Anita's mother died.
Pat and Frank Shiley – one of their dogs died
Christine Hopperstad – her dog Molly died
Susie Manthou – had surgery
Laurel Wilkes and Jenette and Al – for the death of Zinger



Ways and Means – Kerie had a basket there to collect items for basket themes. The theme for March's meeting is wine/cocktails. Be prepared to bring something to contribute to the basket at the meeting. February's theme was Coffee/Tea. She will continue to accept contributions for that theme (as well as any others) as well. 9:00 Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by Kerie Swepston

RECEIPE FOR SWEET POTATO JERKY

Heres a doggy treat to make for your Fido !

**Slice sweet potatoes thinly and toss lightly with flax seed oil, soy sauce, or broth. For 3 medium sweet potatoes use 3 T flax seed oil and 3 T soy sauce or chicken broth (just enough liquid to coat them)
Arrange slices on wire grates sprayed with vegetable oil or on baking sheets lined with baking paper.
Bake at 250 degrees for 2 hours. Turn oven off but leave potatos in for at least an additional 2 hours to dry.**

EVENTS

SHOWS

**March 26 and March 27
Penninsula Dog Fanciers Club, Inc
Kitsap County Fair Grounds
Onofrio Dog Shows
Mrs. J Penta
Mr. G. L Deorge**

**April 9 and April 10
Timberland Valley Dog Fanciers Assn.
MB-F Inc.
Miss D. M. Mc Donald
F. L. Brenner**

**April 16 and April 17
Ephrata– Moses Lake Kennel Club
Grant County Fair Grounds
MB– F Inc.
Mrs. R Smith
Dr. A. W Krause**

**April 28, 29, 30 and May 1
Walla Walla Kennel Club
Southeastern County Fair Grounds
MB-F Inc
Onofrio Dog Shows—Mon
Mrs. S. A Kroegh
P A Frost
Dr. J A Reeve– Newson
Dr. R Mean**

**May 7 and May 8
Olympia Dog Fanciers Assoc
Grays Harbor County Fair Grounds
Onofrio Dog Shows
Dr. E. K. Mincey
Mrs. M. E. Robertson**

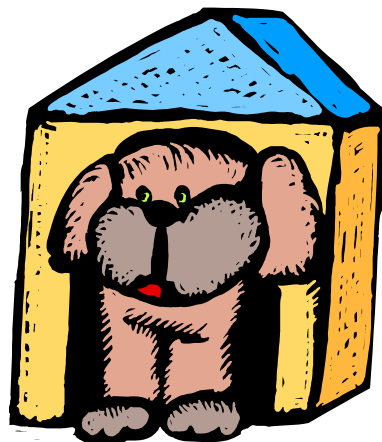
COURSING/RACE EVENTS

**April 16 and April 17
Roy Polo Field
WWWA ASFA All Breed**

**May 29, May 30 and May 31
WWWA/NWSGA
Versatility Weekend
60 acres , Redmond, WA
NAWRA/LGRA
NOTRA and Conformation Match
ASFA -AB**

**June 18 and June 19
ASFA AB Region 1 Invitational
Spokane, WA**

**Check on the Region 1 website for a complete listing of
Coursing and Race events.**



AWARDS DINNER

APRIL 9, 2005

**At MITZEL'S RESTAURANT
5402 Pacific Hwy East—253-926-3144
FIFE, WASHINGTON Exit 137**



5:00 PM Cocktails and Dinner at 6:00 PM

Menu

Choice of the following selections:

Prime Rib \$14.97

Rotisserie Turkey \$10.99

Grilled Salmon \$12.99

Yankee Pot Roast \$11.49

Autumn Salad \$8.79

**Dinners include potato, vegetables, and house salad
Coffee, tea, wine, beer or soft drinks and desserts
available at an additional charge.**

Please Plan on a 17% gratuity to our server as requested by the restaurant.

Awards for those that applied, prizes and gifts for those coming to cheer them on as it is a special night to honor our wonderful dogs. There will be videos to watch as we socialize. Please plan on joining us.

**RSVP by April 7th to Jeanette Dorsey
with your meal selection
@ 360-691-3995.**

Western Washington Whippet Association

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Reminder Notice:



Western Washington Whippet Association ***March General Membership Meeting***

When: Wednesday, March 23, 2005

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Tony Roma's Restaurant

17305 South Center Parkway in Tukwila

Directions to General Membership Meeting

- From I-5 South:** Take the WA-518/Southcenter Blvd. & Mall Exit towards Burien/Sea-Tac Airport, exit #154B. Turn Left on Renton Three Tree Point Rd/S 154th St./Southcenter Blvd. Continue on Renton Three Tree Point Rd/Southcenter Blvd. Continue on Southcenter Blvd. Turn Right on 61st Ave S/Southcenter Blvd/Southcenter Pkwy. Turn Right on Southcenter Pkwy. The nearest cross street is Minkler Blvd.
- From I-405 South:** Take the Southcenter Blvd/I-5 North exit towards Southcenter Mall. Bear Right on Renton Three Tree Point Rd/Southcenter Blvd. Continue on Southcenter Blvd. Turn Right on 61st Ave S/Southcenter Blvd/Southcenter Pkwy. Turn Right on Southcenter Pkwy. The nearest cross street is Minkler Blvd.
- From I-5 North:** Take the Southcenter Parkway exit towards Tukwila, exit #153. Turn Right on Southcenter Pkwy. The nearest cross street is Minkler Blvd.