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MEETING INFORMATION

The next meeting will be on held on April. 16, 2010. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Most members come early and have dinner.

DIRECTIONS:

From 422 West—Follow 422 West (do not take Business route). Continue to Wyomissing Blvd. exit At the top of the ramp turn left. Go to 1st traffic light and turn right. Go to next traffic light and turn left. Go to the stop sign and turn right. Go to the next traffic light and turn left. Go thru the shopping mall area to the end at the traffic light (State Hill Road) turn right—Giannotti's is on the left hand side.

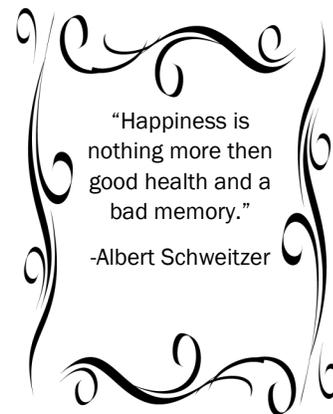
From PA Turnpike—Exit at Morgantown exit. Take route 176

North to Route 422 West and follow directions from above.



DATES TO REMEMBER

July 24, 2010 -Club picnic .
Oct 10, 2010-Club match -not confirmed .



“Happiness is nothing more than good health and a bad memory.”

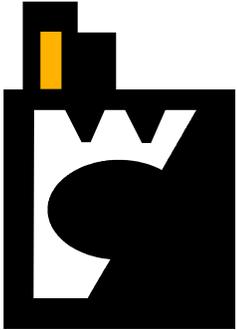
-Albert Schweitzer

CLUB STUFF

The March meeting was really great with a lot of new ideas and a renewed dedication to making the Club better from the members. The Board discussed many areas where members can help the Club and some new assignments were made already. The Club now has a

chair for the 5-year show committee, one person to form a small group to handle any contracts, one person to handle all the AKC/Rau paperwork and communications, and trophies. Many other areas were discussed and, and with the Boards input, the Club will continue to get even better. The

Board will meet on and off and those will be announced in the Newsletter. Board meetings will not be closed to members but only the Board can participate in the meeting. One thing we need to get done at the upcoming meeting is to determine judges for the 2011 shows. Come on out and volunteer to help.



DOES YOUR DOG SMOKE WITH YOU??

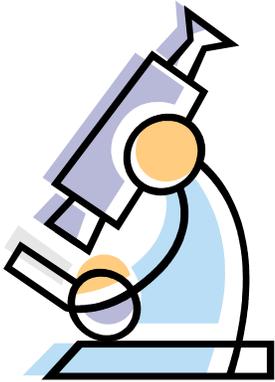
In a survey done in 2009 and reported in *Tobacco Control*, more than one quarter of pet owners who smoke would quit if they knew that secondhand smoke endangers their dogs. The study from Henry Ford Health System's Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention surveyed 3,293 adult pet owners, 21% of whom smoked. 28% of the smokers said that information about danger to their pets would motivate them to quit smoking, and 8.7% said it would make them

ask the people they live with to quit smoking. Of non-smoking pet owners who live with smokers, 16.4% said they'd ask the smokers to quit, and 24.2% would ask smokers not to smoke indoors.

The American Animal Hospital Association notes that dogs react to smoke particles much like humans do, developing lung inflammation and breathing problems. However, as long ago as 1998, research at Colorado State University documented that secondhand to-

bacco smoke increased dog's chances of developing cancer, too. Long-snouted dogs are most at risk of nasal cancer. Medium and short-nosed breeds are more susceptible to lung cancer. The Henry Ford Health researchers concluded that an educational campaign about the effects of tobacco smoke in animals could encourage smokers to quit, improving the health of smokers and their dogs.

ASPCA BEGINS CANINE FLU STUDY



Animal shelters in 6 States will begin to participate in a three-year study of the canine influenza virus. This study is being undertaken by the ASPCA with funding from the Morris Animal Foundation.

The study is intended to help get a handle on the transmission and treatment of the disease, which affects all breeds and ages. The virus, which appears to be transmitted through

coughing and sneezing, was first identified in 2004. Because of the way it is spread, shelters, and kennels have experienced the highest number of cases

Infection control can reduce the spread, states Miranda Spindel, D.V.M., ASPCA director of veterinary outreach and co-leader of the initiative. They study will also determine whether a test can be developed to identify

dogs carrying the virus before they enter a closed environment with other dogs. Looking long term, researchers will examine how the virus changes over time, to help keep vaccines effective.

The virus can live on surfaces for 48 hours, on clothing for 24 hours and on hands for 12 hours. Symptoms develop 2 to 4 days after exposure. 80% of dogs exposed will get sick. About 5% could die.

ARTHRITIS RELIEF A NATURAL WAY



If you have a dog with osteoarthritis your veterinarian recommended dietary supplements containing glucosamine, a natural amino sugar found in healthy cartilage; chondroitin, a complex carbohydrate that helps cartilage retain water; and anti-inflammatory omega-3 fatty acids.

Start to look for a continued

trend that combines medical and natural relief for canine osteoarthritis. According to the University of Florida's School of Veterinary Medicine, the two approaches have similar results, but the natural way doesn't seem to have the drugs' gastrointestinal side effects. Ask your veterinarian about these natural ingredients and how to incorpo-

rate them into your dog's diet. Ascorbic acid, or Vitamin C, aids in bone strength and helps the body process glucosamine. Aloe vera reduces inflammation. Bromelain enzyme extracted from pineapple stems reduces pain and swelling. Perna mus-sels, or green-lipped mussels, contain anti-inflammatory and antihistamine compounds and other compounds that might also help rheumatoid arthritis also.