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MEETING INFORMATION

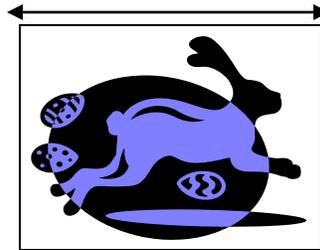
The next meeting will be held on April 20, 2012. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Most members come early and have dinner.

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.

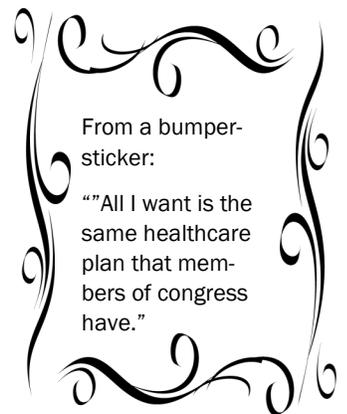
From PA Turnpike—Exit at Morgantown exit. Take route 176

North to Route 422 West and follow directions from above. Address is: 1714 State Hill Road Reading, PA 19610.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Time to start to think about if we want a summer picnic. So if this something you want to host please let us know at the meetings.



From a bumper-sticker:

"All I want is the same healthcare plan that members of congress have."

CLUB STUFF

The Club meeting was another great one. So much is being done and it is great to be a part of it.

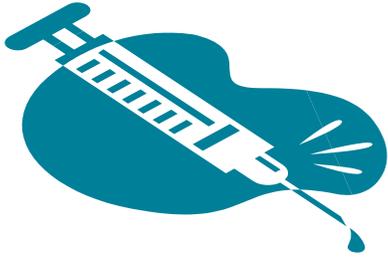
The Club has selected the judges for 2013 for the regular shows and sweepstakes. The Club has also decided to have a match on

Saturday night. Also a possible new show site is being looked at. Many things are going on at the meetings so come out and be a part of them.

The picnic and some options are being discussed with more details coming at the next meeting.

.Don't forget that if your email address changes, or your phone number and mailing address please notify the Club or we won't be able to get the newsletter to you.

Come on out and be a positive part of the Club. The Club needs your input and help.



A FLU SHOT?

More and more reports of canine influenza outbreaks continue throughout the country, leading to calls that dogs be vaccinated against the easily spreadable and highly contagious virus. Dogs that are in contact with other dogs are at increased risk and are recommended candidates for vaccination. Cynda Crawford, DVM, who was part of the team that first isolated the virus in 2004 said it is like kids in kindergarten [spreading illnesses among each other]. The original work traced the flu virus to horses.

Epidemiologists fear that dogs traveling from one part of the country to another could carry the illness—and that the virus might mutate, as the human flu virus has, making prevention more difficult. Most dogs have no natural immunity to it, and it isn't seasonal like the human flu. Symptoms include sneezing, nasal discharge, a low-grade fever, and a cough lasting two weeks or more. Cases of pneumonia resulting from the flu have contributed to canine flu deaths.

The vaccine reduces the severity of symptoms. Crawford says, as well as the amount of virus shed. It may be given to dogs 6 weeks of age or older as two injections that are two to four weeks apart.

If you are attending shows, training, dog parks or any where there are other dogs in groups you may want to discuss this option with your Vet.



ENGLAND

The U.K. has relaxed its rules for pets entering the country under its Pet travel scheme. Now, pets arriving from the EU and other

Approved countries, including the U.S., can enter with proof of a rabies vaccination given 21 days prior. Before January 1, they had to take a blood test, then wait six months before entering the country.



WANT A GOOD PHOTO?

A great picture is a prized possession but getting that great shot can be frustrating. Here are some tips for some great shots.

Snack time: Give a favorite, long-lasting chew to your dogs. Once she 's happily working on it, ease yourself down to dog level and capture that happiness.

Sweet dreams: A dog lost in the golden world of slumber makes for an innocent, peaceful photo. Once she's drifted into dreamland, zoom in so her face completely fills the frame.

What's that? Most dogs tip their heads to the side when they hear an unusual , squeaky sound, or when their owners ask questions in a silly, exaggerated fashion. Find out what triggers the head cock in your dog, then use it in a cute head shot.

Perfect Day: The next time your dog lounges outdoors on a lovely afternoon, grab your camera. Snap her as she snoozes in the sun or rolls happily in the grass.



TICKS YOU LOVE TO HATE

With the warmer winter this promises to be a year for more ticks. Here is the most common and what they cause.

Amblyomma americanum (lone star tick) is a vector for human monocytic ehrlichiosis and tularemia and is now suspected of transferring Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever. It is also a new suspect for southern tick-associated rash illness (STARI).

Dermacentor variabilis (American dog tick) is a vector for Rocky Mountain spotted fever and tularemia and may carry human granulocytic ehrlichiosis.

Ixodes scapularis (black-legged tick) is a vector for Lyme disease, babesiosis, ehrlichiosis.

Dermacentorandersoni (Rocky Mountain wood tick) is a vector for Rocky Mountain spotted fever, tularemia, Colorado tick fever and a major cause of tick paralysis.



100th ANNIVERSITY

April 15, 2012 was the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic.

Did you know that there was believed to be at least 12 dogs on board the ship. Three are confirmed to have been saved. The dogs that survived were so small that is doubtful anyone even realized they were being carried to the lifeboats. Two were Pomeranians and the third was a Pekinese. One Pomeranian was Lady owned by Miss Margaret Hays. The Rothschild's owned the other Pomeranian and the Pekinese, named Sun Yat-Sen, was boarded by the Harpers.

Only the 1st class families were even allowed to bring dogs on board.

It should be also known that the ship had a cat on board to help keep the rat populations down. It is told that when the ship arrived in Southampton from Belfast, the cat was seen disembarking. Up and down the gangplank she was observed retrieving one kitten at a time that she deposited on the dock. She and the kittens quickly disappeared and it was later told that they had some sort of premonition that the voyage wasn't going to be a good one and this caused mom to leave with her family. The ship had planned a dog show for the day after it sank.

