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MEETING INFORMATION

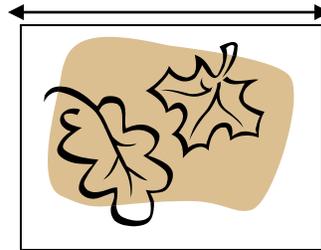
The next meeting will be held on October 19, 2012. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Most members come early and have dinner.

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

January 5, 2013 Clubs Holiday Party at Bonnies&Ernies.
January 19,20, 2013 Shows dates.



“After one look at this planet, any visitor from outer space would say, “I want to see the manager.”

-William S. Burroughs

CLUB STUFF

Many thanks to all who came out and helped or showed or both at the recent match. It seemed everyone had a great time with pizza for all. Your efforts make the Club able to do great things. If you belong to something help it with your efforts.

2013 dues are due and the form is attached. Please use this form as we check all information and update our records from the form.

The meetings are important and allows the Club to plan its events and to plan new things. Got some positive ideas? Come on out and

.share you opinions and ideas. It is YOUR Club be an active member.

The next big things are the shows on January 19 &20, 2013. The Clubs annual holiday party is also coming up in January and details will follow.



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2013 DUES

\$10.00 PER MEMBER

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ITCHY SKIN?

Dogs with itchy, inflamed skin may suffer from canine atopic dermatitis, a genetically predisposed skin disease resulting from sensitivity to environmental allergens. According to Randall C. Thomas, DVM, owner of Southeast Veterinary Dermatology and Ear Clinic in Mount Pleasant, SC.

- Approximately 10 to 15 percent of dogs suffer from CAD.
- 68 percent of dogs with CAD develop symptoms at younger than 3 years of age.
- About 75 percent of atopic dogs display non-seasonal symptoms over time.
- About 80 percent of CAD-affected dogs lick their feet.
- About 50 percent of atopic dogs have chronic or recurrent otitis.
- Approximately 70 to 80 percent of dogs with CAD have concurrent



DOGS: THE CURE FOR ASTHMA?

Dogs can improve a person's mood, but now a study has found that dogs might also improve a person's immunity to asthma, especially a child's.

The study, presented in June at the 112th General Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology in San Francisco, finds that microbes from house dust in homes with dogs appear to protect against the onset of respiratory syncytial virus, a virus that can increase a person's chance of developing childhood asthma. RSV infection leads to the hospitalization of 75,000 to 125,000 children under the age of 1 in the United States each year according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website.

Researchers from the University of California and the University of Michigan found that mice who ate dust from homes with dogs did not develop symptoms of RSV, which include lung inflammation and mucus production. They believe that these findings support the idea that exposure to dogs in early childhood stimulates the immune system and helps prevent asthma and other allergies.



DOGS AND HUMAN INTESTINAL VIRUS

A primary cause of gastroenteritis—often referred to as stomach flu—in the United States may be transmitted from dogs to people with whom they live, according to a study from the University of Helsinki in Finland. Researchers reviewed 92 fecal samples from pet dogs who lived in households where the dog or humans had suffered from diarrhea and/or vomiting.

They discovered that the culprit is a norovirus, a leading cause of diarrheal among people worldwide.

The virus can live inside the canine gastrointestinal tract, the results suggest, and outside the body it's found in feces, vomit, and saliva. Four of the canine fecal samples in the study tested positive for a human strain of norovirus, and two of these dogs suffered from mild gastrointestinal symptoms.

The researchers reported that dogs may acquire the virus through contact with young children, but could pick it up by sniffing, eating, or licking contaminated food, water, or surfaces outside the home. Previously, dogs were not known to be in the chain of transmission.

The results of the study were published in the March 2012 issue of the Journal of Clinical Virology.



DEGENERATIVE EYE DISEASE

A research team led by University of PA veterinarians has found a way to prevent, and even reverse, an eye disease that causes extreme vision loss in dogs. The dogs, of various ages and breeds, all has a form of retinitis pigmentosa, which results in degeneration of light-receptor cells in the eye—the rods and cones - and is characterized by progressive vision loss. The genetically linked disease is rare in dogs but common in humans, with affected people typically losing night vision in childhood and becoming nearly blind by their 40s.

Each dog received a single injection of a therapeutic gene that specifically targets rods and cones. According to William Beltran, lead author of the study report, the results showed that every abnormality defining the disease in the test dogs were corrected after treatment. The study was published in February 7, 2012.