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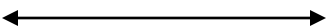
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MEETING INFORMATION

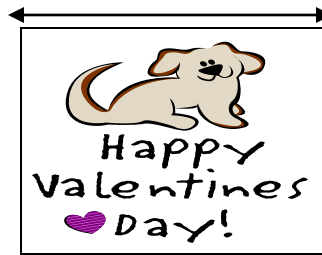
The next meeting will be held on Feb 17, 2012. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Most members come early and have dinner.

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.

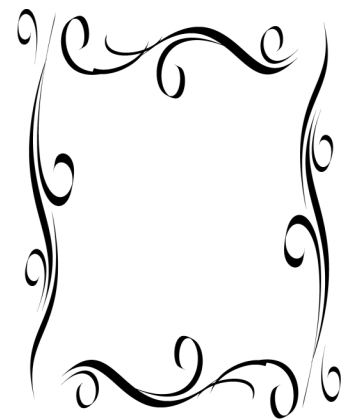
From PA Turnpike—Exit at Morgantown exit. Take route 176

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.



CLUB STUFF

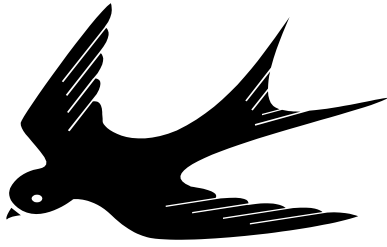
Well another show was here and gone. Numbers were low but we can all be proud of the job the Club did for the show. Another great weekend. Of course this year had some snow but we did it again. Thanks to everyone who helped make the show another success and now we

Start the planning for the next one. The match first and then another great show weekend to be planned.

We hope that we may have some new members coming on board this year. Planning is done at the meeting so if you want to be a part of the planning please plan to attend the

Meetings. We can always use your expertise and positive input. The judging committee is hard at work and needs your input. Want to help? Give some good positive input.

Have a great Valentine Day and give your puppy some hugs.

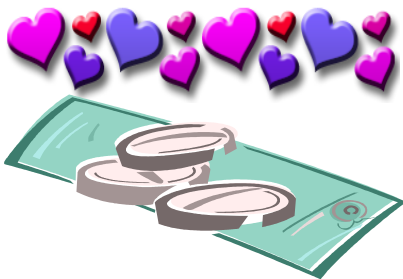


WHAT DOGS INGEST

Veterinary Pet Insurance stated that policy holders spend nearly \$5.2 million treating pets that had ingested foreign objects from January through November 2011.

They stated that they had received more than 6,500 foreign-object ingestion claims during that period. Surgery to remove the various objects cost, on average, \$1,472, and surgery to remove foreign objects from the intestine cost, on average, \$1,910. Here is a listing of the more notable ingested items:

- About 100 rocks
- Chopsticks
- 15 vanilla votive candles
- Cell phone case
- Package of fluorescent light bulbs
- Ribbons and wrapping paper
- Dead porcupine
- Tent stake
- Sweatshirt
- 5 lbs of trash and a scrub brush
- Mothballs



TREATMENT APPROVED FOR DOGS

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved Virbac Animal Health's Easotic suspension for treatment of otitis externa in dogs. The FDA approved the treatment in dogs

Associated with susceptible strains of yeast (*malassezia pachydermatis*) and bacteria (*Straphylococcus pseudintermedius*) Administration is with about 1 mL in the affected ear once daily for 5 days. The drug was launched in Europe in 2009 where it was sold in an airless pump bottle.



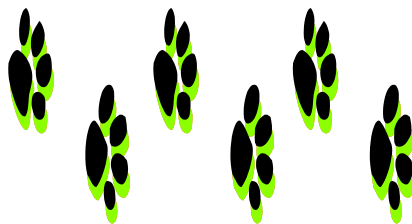
PALEOLITHIC FOSSILS

A trio of Paleolithic dogs, one with a mammoth bone in her mouth were unearthed in Predmosti, Czech Republic reported scientists in the Journal Of Archaeological Science. This represents some of the earliest companion dogs to accompany humans.

The discovery indicates what the relationship between prehistoric dogs and humans was like in this region. People likely used the dogs to transport mammoth meat, bones, and tusks, as well as firewood. It also confirms the hypothesis that domestication began thousands of years before previously believed. The dog's skull lengths and snouts were significantly shorter than those of modern or fossil wolves, and their brain cases and palates wider.

Researchers believe a human placed the mammoth bone in one of the dog's mouths after death, possible as part of a ritual. Evidence shows that humans could have perforated the dogs' skulls as a way to remove their brains, possibly in an attempt to release their spirits.

The dog's were large, states Mietje Germonpre, weighing an estimated 77 pounds and standing at least 24 inches at the shoulder.



KEEP SALMONELLA AT BAY

Salmonella is present in pet foods, supplements and treats more often than you think making both pets and people sick.

Since 2010 the Food and Drug Administration has issued more than 2 dozen recalls warning consumers about salmonella-tainted pet products on the market. High temperatures in the cooking process kills salmonella organisms, says Kate KuKanich, DVM at Kansas States College of Vet Medicine, but the problem is not all consumable pet products are cooked. Plus she states there are many steps in the production process after cooking where cross contamination with salmonella or other bacteria. Sickened pets may experience diarrhea, lethargy, fever, and vomiting.

People handling contaminated pet products may become ill also. The CDC reported in 2010 that between 2006 and 2008, nearly 80 people—about half of them children under the age of 2—became sick after coming in contact with dry dog and cat food. The good news is keeping your family and dogs healthy is easy to do by following these simple tips:

- Wash hands with warm, soapy water before and after touching pet food items.
- Store pet food, treats, and nutritional products according to the label instructions.
- Discourage children under 5 years of age from touching pet food, treats or supplements. Young children are more at risk for illness because their immune systems are still developing.
- Purchase individually packaged pig ears rather than buying them from bulk bins.
- Use a clean scoop to dispense pet food into bowls.
- Wash water and food bowls regularly with hot and soapy water.

To check on food recalls go to www.fda.gov/animalveterinary/safetyhealth/recallswithdrawals.

