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MEETING INFORMATION

The next meeting will be held on February 18, 2011. 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.

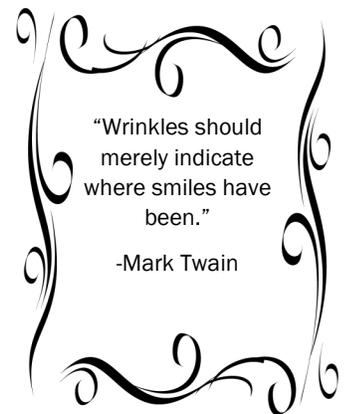


The Club will not meet in December 2010. The January meeting, if needed, will be held at the January show site .



DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan 8, 2011-Clubs Holiday Party
Jan 22 & 23, 2011-Clubs shows



CLUB STUFF

The next event coming up for the Club will be the annual Holiday party on Jan 8, 2011 at Bonnie & Ernie's. Please see the flyer You can give Bonnie Baxter a call at 610-327-0719 or email her and let her know how many are coming (people only, let your dogs stay home

and enjoy a nap) and what you will be bringing.

Please also mark your calendar for the Clubs shows on Jan 22 & 23, 2011 in Reading. We will need help setting up and all through the shows.

The Club voted to purchase a trailer which will allow us to

keep all the Clubs stuff in one inventoried container. Details on the work plan to both pack and inventory all stuff will be coming soon via email.

We still need donations for both the Chinese auction and bulldog bingo at the shows. Please bring them to the holiday party.



YOUR DOG, YOUR PROPERTY

We all consider our dogs family, but did you know in all 50 States the law categorizes them as property. "Although anti-cruelty laws require humane treatment, legally our dogs occupy the same classification as our cars," so states Emily Winfield an attorney and executive director of the DePaul Center for Animal Law located in Chicago.

Any owner may invest thousands of dollars in dog care and then be surprised he cannot receive commensurate compen-

sation for the dog's injury or loss. Most States apply a valuation system that entitles the owner only to the fair market value or replacement cost of the dog. Often this not only limits an owner's recovery (to replace the dog) to a small amount of money, but it also ignores the veterinary care expenses resulting from the injury, time off from work for animal care, or the emotional distress resulting from the loss of a companion animal.

"Animal valuation is an evolving

topic, and a few courts have allowed recovery for damages in excess of an animal's market value, particularly when the harm is intentional," Winfield further states.

This is a movement that would have us be "guardians" rather than just owners which would result in owners being able to collect more money but it would probably result in greater vet fees as this would result in them having to have the same type of malpractice insurance as human physicians do now.



EVEN WITH SNOW WINTER IS DRY

The winter season means that many of us are starting our heater, fireplaces or wood stoves. This produces dry indoor air which tends to suck the moisture right out of our dogs skin.

Winter calls for more skin care, because dryness leads to excessive hair loss and scratching which can lead to infections.

First step, bath your dog only

when necessary, using a mild moisturizing shampoo made for dogs. Remember to never use human shampoo and our skins are different and therefore the shampoos have different pH values. Also you need to brush often to remove dander. Then promote a healthy skin from the inside out with antioxidants (like Vitamins A and E) to soothe irritated skin and fatty acids (omega 3, found in fish

oils or flaxseed oil) to keep the skin moisturized. Particularly beneficial is linoleic acid to counteract a dull, brittle coat.

Check out some grape seed oil to apply directly to the skin which helps in repairing it.

Check out some of the commercial salmon oil products for dogs which can really help coats or try a little extra virgin olive oil drizzled lightly on their food.

WINTER'S DEADLIEST

Antifreeze (ethylene glycol) is one of the deadliest poisons that your dog can be exposed to in the winter. As little as 1 -2 tablespoons is enough to kill a small dog.

At first, signs of antifreeze poisoning include staggering, lethargy, increased thirst, vomiting, and possible seizures. Since Ethylene glycol is an alcohol,

initially when an animal ingests it they get drunk. That drunken-like state is short lived and after several hours it may appear the pet is recovering, but don't be fooled. Internal damage is actually worsening, as abnormal crystals form in the kidneys, ultimately causing them to shut down.

"The most important thing to

know about antifreeze is you have a really narrow window for treatment," says vet Justine Lee with the Pet Poison Helpline.

For the antidote to work, Lee says it must be given to a dog within 12 hours after ingestion. Otherwise chances of survival are slim. A simple blood test detects antifreeze poisoning but the antidote, fomepizole, can cost up to \$2,500 per dose.

