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Next Meeting

**Next meeting is
Saturday, May 21**

**Board Meeting – 6pm
Regular Meeting - 7pm
at
Strongsville Fire Station
11287 Webster Road
Strongsville, Ohio**

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Putting the bite on your homeowners insurance

First, the good news: The number of homeowners insurance claims nationwide arising from dog bites decreased 4.7% between 2013 and 2014 according to the Insurance Information Institute.

Now, the bad news: The cost per claim increased from \$27,862 to \$32,029, up 14.9%, likely due to increased medical costs and higher settlements, judgements, and jury awards. And that's not all: Claims related to dog bites and other dog-related injuries made up one-third of all homeowners liability claims in the U.S. in 2014. The Total cost: \$530 million.

That means many insurers are more cautious when providing policies for households with dogs. But that doesn't mean you have to find Fido a new home to get homeowners coverage. If you have a dog, you can take these steps to reduce your risk.

Do make sure you are informed

Insurance policies vary when it comes to dogs. So be certain you know how much liability coverage you have (it's typically between \$100k to \$500k, but you may want to consider higher limits); whether the insurer has a "one-bite" policy.

In other words, they may cancel your policy after a second bite and that your policy covers damages for which you may be legally liable which is usually medical bills, time off work, pain and suffering and property damage for anyone your dog injures.

In some states, insurers might cap liability related to dog bites; some may exclude coverage for certain types of dogs; or might exclude dog bite coverage altogether. Also your insurer may view other dog-related losses, such as knocking someone to the ground, in the same way.

Don't hide from your insurer the fact that you have a dog.

You could be at risk if there are policy contract exclusions related to dog liability and you are unaware because you didn't reveal you had a pet. Along the same lines, don't forget to update your insurance if you get a new or an additional dog. Issues could arise if your policy isn't current. Some insurers even exclude and/or limit liability coverage on all domestic pets, including dogs or certain breeds of dogs.

Do enroll your dog in an obedience course.

Some insurers require this. But even if they don't, it's a good idea. Think of it as preventive care. If your dog is well behaved and obeys your commands, it'll be less likely to bite or jump on people. Try to provide your dog with opportunities to socialize with people and other dogs. This will help it learn to be friendly, rather than aggressive with strangers who approach.

Don't let your dog interact with people unsupervised.

You know your dog best. As long as you're present, you can tell a friend or stranger to stop doing that thing that annoys your dog before your dog reacts. You can also wrangle your dog and help it settle down if it's too aggressive. Also, if your dog spends part of the day unsupervised in your yard, secure your fence so that it can not escape.

Do keep a medical file on your dogs.

In the event that your dog bites someone, producing current vaccination records is essential.

By Robin Jones



Lady Maxine's Book of Quotations



He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion.

Unknown

Why that dog is practically a Phi Beta Kappa. She can sit up and beg, and she can give her paw.....I don't say she will, but she can.

Dorothy Parker

Among God's creatures, the dog has taken on all the sizes and all the shapes in order not to be separated from the man.

Andres Segovia

Say something idiotic and nobody but a dog politely wags his tail.

Virginia Graham

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Birthday Wishes

Happy
Birthday..



May, 2014

Ch Zdar's The Elevator
5/23/2005 – Cindy Riggans

NON-SPOTTED BIRTHDAYS

Diane Tucker – May 4

Pam Weisman – May 9

Send your birthday/anniversary
information to the editor

How Dogs See Your Emotions

A recent study from the University of Helsinki shows that the social gazing behavior of domestic dogs resembles that of humans: dogs view facial expressions systematically, preferring the eyes. In addition, the facial expression alters their viewing behaviour in the face of a threat. The study was recently published in the science journal PLOS ONE.

Threatening faces evoke unique responses in dogs.

The Study utilized eye gaze tracking to demonstrate how dogs view the emotional expressions of dog and human faces.

Dogs looked first at the eye region and generally examined eyes longer than nose or mouth areas.

Species-specific characteristics of certain expressions attracted their attention, for example the mouths of threatening dogs.

However, dogs appeared to base their perception of facial expressions on the whole face. Threatening faces evoked attentional bias, which may be based on an evolutionary adaptive mechanism; the sensitivity to detect and avoid threats represents a survival advantage.

Interestingly, 'dogs' viewing behavior was dependent on the depicted species: threatening conspecific faces evoked longer looking, but threatening human faces instead of an avoidance response. Threatening signals carrying different biological validity are most likely processed via distinctive neurocognitive pathways.



The tolerant behavior strategy of dogs toward humans may partially explain the results.

Domestication may have equipped dogs with a sensitivity to detect the signals of humans and respond to them with pronounced appeasement signals.

Results provide support for Darwin's views of animal emotions. This is the first evidence of emotion-related gaze patterns in non-primates.

Already 150 years ago, Charles Darwin proposed that the analogies in the form and function of human and non-human animal emotional expressions suggest shared evolutionary roots. Recent findings provide modern scientific support for Darwin's old argument.

Exploring the canine mind with dog-friendly methods.

A total of 31 dogs of 13 different breeds attended the study. Prior to the experiment, the dogs were clicker-trained to stay still in front of a monitor without being commanded or restrained. Due to a positive training approach, dogs were highly motivated to perform the task.

The study is part of the collaboration project of Faculties of Veterinary Medicine and Behavioural Science, University of Helsinki and Department of Neuroscience and Biomedical Engineering, Alto University. Previously, the research group of professor Outi Vainio from the University of Helsinki has discovered that social informative objects in images, as personally familiar faces and social interaction attract dogs' attention. The research group of Professor Outi Vainio explores the cognition and emotion in dogs at the University.

Courtesy of "Dot To Dot", Dalmatian Club of San Diego County



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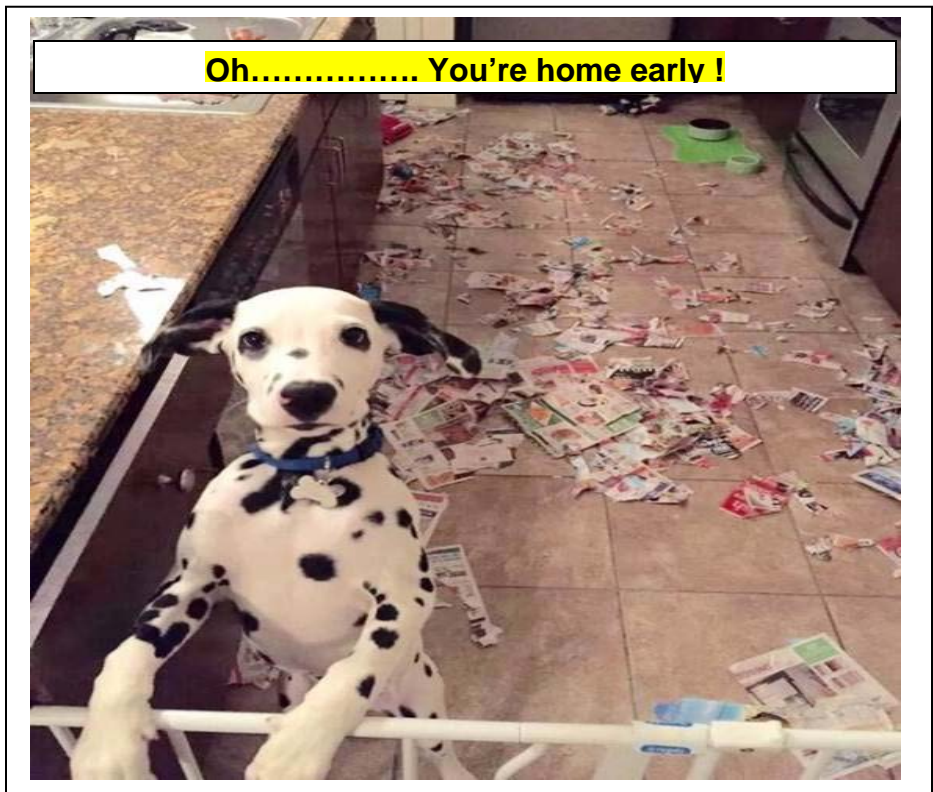


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WESTERN RESERVE DALMATIAN CLUB REGULAR MEETING MINUTES April 16, 2016

Linda Lombardi opened the meeting at 8:15 p.m., after a presentation by Micki Fredrick from Voila! Essential Oils. Roll Call was read with 15 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Debbie Gotsch made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, Cindy Chaytor seconded.

Carried.

Correspondence was read..

Spotted Copy. Don Gotsch asked that if anyone had anything they wanted in, please have it to him by April 25th.

Holiday Banquet: Scott and Tammy Edmundson are looking for a venue.

Membership: Ann Swope has the membership pins and Nancy

Abbott has the license plate holders.

Specialty: Cindy Riggans reported that we have been approved. Sweeps judges are Jon Benoit and Steve Weisman. Breed judges are Rick Miller and Karen Rockwell.

Hospitality: Linda Lombardi thanked Debbie Gotsch and Diane Kompier for this evening's goodies.

May hospitality we be Tammy Edmundson and Martha Brown.

NFL Hall of Fame Parade.

Cindy Riggans stated that they are holding a place for us. The parade is Saturday August 6th.

Pet Tacular: Debbie Gotsch is going to represent our club.

This is in Medina on Saturday May 7th.

Barb Brandon mentioned an event at Lake Farm Park. No charge for tables. Sometime in June.



New Business: Nancy Abbott asked if anyone wants to donate for trophies?

There needs to be a check of our bins to see what we need for both the Puppy Match and Specialty.

Cindy Riggins announced that the DCA is looking for clubs to help do the 2019 National. As a group it was going to be considered. Need more information.

Cindy Chaytor made a motion to notify DCA that we are interested for 2019 and to see if Sawmill Creek is available. Debbie Gotsch seconded. Carried.

Debbie Gotsch announced there will be a Rats 101 introduction on Wednesday May 18, 2016. This will be held at the Medina Kennel Club Training Center.

Sugarbush Kennel Club sent a letter inviting us to sponsor a supported entry this year. We have already committed to the shows we are supporting for 2016. We will send a response to Sugarbush that we will consider supporting their shows in 2017.

Richard Sinwald mentioned the Lorain County Kennel Club Puppy Match and Meet the Breed per Joe Holava. The Puppy Match is July 23, 2016. Motion to adjourn was made by Don Gotsch, seconded by Cindy Chaytor. Carried. Meeting ended at 9:00p.m.

Braggs. Linda Lombardi bragged that Lizzie received a 100% in Rally Advanced.

Respectively Submitted,
Martha Brown, Secretary

The real meaning of being 'dog-tired'



What to Know About Dog Etiquette (a.k.a. Petiquette)

Petiquette While Traveling

Taking a vacation with your furry friend is a sure way to add a little flavor to your travels. Even if you don't plan on flying cross country with your pooch, it's likely at some point that you'll have to travel with your dog. Traveling with a pet definitely poses some challenges, so follow these pet-friendly travel tips.

Car rides: For safety reasons, dogs shouldn't roam the car. Rather, they should be in crates or carriers. But before you do that, give them the opportunity to stretch their legs. "The most important thing you can do is make sure your dog has been well exercised before he goes in

the crate," says TV personality and dog expert Cesar Millan. "If he's burned off his excess energy, he'll be more inclined to rest." Millan also recommends making the crate as cozy as possible for the animal. This can mean traveling with toys, padding the crate with their favorite blanket and bringing plenty of treats. Finally, make sure to take regular breaks. It will give your pet a chance to get some fresh air and relieve themselves.

Hotels: Just like any other public place you take your pet, you need to be sure the hotel you're staying at is pet friendly. Before you check in, take your dog on a long walk to let him burn off some energy after a long trip.

Airplanes: For a variety of reasons, the Humane Society recommends that you transport your cat or dog by plane only when absolutely necessary. If you must bring your pet on a plane, be sure to fly with them in the cabin. Because airlines limit how many animals can fly and impose size restrictions, be sure to contact the airline well ahead of time. It's also important to note that airlines require animals to have certain immunizations, so make sure your pet is up to date and that you have the required documentation with you at the airport.

Buses and trains: Cats and small dogs are allowed on a select number of Amtrak trains; however, they are not allowed on Greyhound-operated busses. Many local bus and train services do allow animals to be carried on—but they are almost always required to be in a carrier. .

Presidents Message

Hi All;

Can't believe another month has past already. It's great to have some nice days to get out and enjoy the dogs and horses. Lizzie and I have been doing some tracking training/practice and enjoying it.

If you missed the April meeting you missed a very informative speaker, Micki Frederick who gave a presentation on essential oils and how they can help our dogs with issues they may have and their wellbeing. If anyone would like more info her website is www.mydoterra.com/mickifrederick and her phone number 440-724-9553.

Please keep in mind our upcoming events such as the Medina County Pet-Tacular, a rally demonstration, the Brunswick parade, our puppy match, and tentatively speaker for the May meeting. We've also been invited to the NFL Hall Of Fame parade in Canton. Want to do something to recognize someone special, how about a trophy sponsorship in their honor. Interested? If so please contact Nancy Abbott at nancykabbott@gmail.com or 330- 225-0385.

There are still some committees' open such as Hospitality, Public Education, and a volunteer to oversee supported entries. Also another reminder that Debbie is still seeking someone to step up and volunteer as the clubs historian so if you would consider doing so please let Debbie know. Our May 21st meeting will be at the Strongsville fire station with a board meeting and speaker before the meeting starts so please mark your calendars.

Hey folks, any web site updates for Lesley? Please send to Lesley Sinwald at lesley.mac@mac.com.

Want to brag about those new titles? If so what about a spotted copy ad? Full page color \$20.00, Half page black and white or half page color \$10.00. Don would be happy to assist with ad layout. He can be emailed at dqotsch@glwb.net

Sincerely,
Linda



Program Speaker for May Meeting

Our program for May 21 meeting will include Jennifer Baker, the owner of "The Grateful Dog Bakery" in North Ridgeville, Ohio. This establishment has been active for a number of years. The bakery/store also offers holistic dog food as well as toys, handcrafted treats, bone broth and cakes. Please be on time as a courtesy to our speaker. Thank you.

Animals Eat the Craziest Things

Every year Veterinary Practice News (VPN) holds its, "They Ate What?" Contest. Veterinarians submit X-rays of patients who have eaten highly inappropriate things along with photos of the foreign matter once it's been removed. The VPN editorial staff judges the submissions for originality.

This year's grand prizewinner was Dr. Gordon Schumucker of Lisbon Veterinary Clinic in Lisbon, Ohio. His patient Zeus, a one-year-old Doberman Pinscher, was examined because of vomiting. An X-ray revealed 20 round, foreign objects within the dog's stomach. During surgery 20 golf balls were retrieved. Zeus was reported to have access to a driving range.

Second place went to Dr. Mike Jones of Woodland West Animal Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He removed the end of a fishing pole from the esophagus and stomach of a ten-week-old puppy.

The third place winner was Dr. Theresa Taylor of Cherryville Animal Hospital in Cherryville, North Carolina. She examined a six-month-old Labrador Retriever because of vomiting and lethargy.

Her X-rays revealed a metallic foreign body within the dog's bowel. At the time of surgery, she discovered that this youngster had eaten a door hinge.

Some of the other reported foreign bodies included an animal's collar, a studded belt, coins, a rock, a spoon, and a large bunch of hair ties

**The Fifty First Annual
Western Reserve Dalmatian Club
Sanctioned B Specialty Match
Saturday, June 18, 2016
Columbia Township Park
Route #82 and West River Road
Columbia Station, Ohio**



Sweepstakes Classes

Divided by sex:

Junior-3-6, 6-9, 9-12 months; Senior-12-15, 15-18 months
First in each class to compete for Best in Sweepstakes

**Breed Conformation
Classes Puppy**

Divided by sex:

Junior- 3-6 months, Senior- 6-9 months, 9-12 months
First in each class to compete for Best Puppy

Adult

Adult: 12-15, 15-18 months, Over 18 months, Bred by Exhibitor
First in each class compete for Best Adult
Best Puppy and Best Adult to compete for Best In Match

Non-Regular Classes

Divided by Sex: Veterans-over 7 years. First in each class compete for Best Veteran, Stud Dog, Brood Bitch, Brace

Showmanship Classes

Jr. Showmanship: 8-12 years, 13-17 years
Ladies and Men's Handling (18 years and older)
Parade of Champions & Title Holders **FREE CLASS**

Entry Fee

\$ 7.00 per dog, **\$ 3.00** second entry of same dog
\$ 2.00 Junior Showmanship
\$ 2.00 Ladies and Men's Handling

**9:00 - 11:00 am
11:15 am**

Registration

1. Sweepstakes
2. Ladies and Men's Handling
3. Regular Classes
4. Non-Regular Classes
5. Junior Showmanship Classes
6. Parade of Champions and Title Holders



Sweepstakes & Handling

Linda Lombardi
Clinton, Ohio

Conformation

Greg Brown
Kent, Ohio

Junior Showmanship

Greg Brown
Kent, Ohio

We reserve the right to change judging assignments if the need arises. Dogs with major points can enter only for "practice". Handlers may show dogs owned by them or may enter only for "practice". The fee for practice only is the regular fee on the day of the show \$ 7.00.

Pam Weisman 39380 Cortina Circle
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Match Chairperson

The **Western Reserve Dalmatian Club** cordially invites you to our **2016 Specialty Match** followed by a potluck picnic afterwards. The match will present some of Northeast Ohio's future champions and promises to be a great opportunity to begin or continue your puppies' education and training. Whether your interests to compete are in the Show Ring, Obedience Training, Rally, Road Trials, or Agility, the day will provide lots of fun, and the opportunity to learn more about these events. There will also be information on Therapy Dogs and Canine Good Citizens.

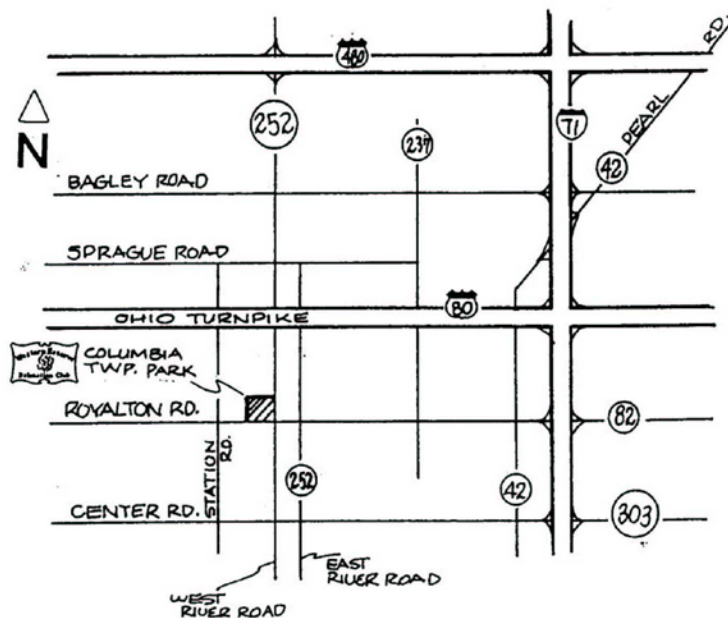
A picnic including hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages will immediately follow the judging and the club is inviting you as our guest! Please bring a covered dish to share with others along with serving utensils for your dish.

Directions:

From the West, Take I-480 to Rte. 252, take Rte. 252 South to Rte. 82. Turn right on Rte. 82.

From the East, Take I-90/I-71 to Rte. 82, take Rte. 82 West to West River Road, Match is on the right.

From the South, Take I-77 or I-71 north to Rte. 82 and go west. (left)



**Western Reserve Dalmatian Club
2016 Puppy Match
June 18, 2016
Columbia Township Park, East Pavilion**

Please also join us at our
62nd and 63rd Annual Western Reserve Dalmatian Club Specialty Shows
at Lorain County Kennel Club Grounds in Oberlin, Ohio on August 12, 2016.
There will be 2 back-to-back shows on August 12.

