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Next meeting is
Saturday, September
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Liver Disease in Dogs by Nancy Kay, DVM

The liver is an amazingly complex organ and is responsible for multiple functions in the body, all of which are vital for good health. Such multi-tasking means that there are a number of things that can go awry. It's not surprising then that canine liver disease is so common. The liver happens to be remarkably resilient and, to a great extent, can regenerate and restore itself following damage. Additionally, because the liver contains multiple lobes, significant disease in only one or two of them doesn't typically impair liver function.

Liver function

Before blood from the abdominal organs travels back to the heart, it must first pass through the liver via a large vessel called the portal vein. Once within the liver, hepatocytes (liver cells) detoxify the blood, removing any undesirable substances such as toxins or bacteria. This detoxification process is the reason a dog can recover from "food poisoning" after dining on a rotten carcass.

In addition to its role as the "garbage disposal" of the body, the liver also acts as a manufacturing plant, producing substances such as proteins,

fatty acids, glucose, cholesterol, and blood clotting factors. These essential products are released from the liver into the bloodstream for use throughout the body.

The liver serves as a storage unit for several essential nutrients, vitamins, minerals and glycogen, an important source of energy release during exercise. The liver also produces bile (bilirubin) and stores it within the gallbladder so it is ready for release into the small intestine when needed for fat digestion.

Symptoms of liver disease

There is no classic combination of symptoms that alerts one to the diagnosis of liver disease. Rather, many liver-related symptoms overlap with those of other illnesses. Symptoms can range from single to multiple, and from mild to severe. Believe it or not, some dogs with significant liver disease demonstrate no overt abnormalities whatsoever (one of the many reasons routine canine senior citizen blood screening is a really good idea).

The more common liver disease-associated symptoms include:

- loss of appetite
- lethargy
- vomiting
- diarrhea
- increased thirst
- jaundice
- abdominal distention caused by fluid accumulation
- neurological abnormalities (hepatic encephalopathy)

Diagnosis

There are typically two stages of testing involved in diagnosing liver disease. While the first stage confirms that a liver abnormality is present, this testing doesn't hone in on the clear-cut cause of the problem. All it says is that some type of liver disease is present. The second stage of testing is used to confirm the exact type of liver disease. A liver biopsy is often needed to make this distinction although, on occasion, the ultrasound alone is confirmatory. A liver biopsy is an invasive procedure. It's potential risks and benefits must be carefully evaluated before proceeding, particularly with dogs whose health is significantly compromised.

First stage testing

- thorough physical exam
- complete blood cell count (CBC)
- chemistry profile
- urinalysis
- bile acids test

- blood clotting studies
- abdominal x-ray

Second stage testing

- abdominal ultrasound
- liver biopsy collected via surgery, laparoscopy, or with ultrasound guidance

How liver function is assessed

Several different blood tests are utilized when diagnosing liver disease. The chemistry profile measures ALT (alanine aminotransferase) and AST (aspartate aminotransferase), enzymes contained within the liver cells. Elevations of these two enzymes indicate that at least some of the liver cells are "unhappy," enough so that they are leaking excess ALT and AST into the bloodstream.

This is really the only information provided by these two enzymes. They don't reveal anything about how the liver is functioning. In other words, one could not diagnose liver failure on the basis of ALT and AST results. Unfortunately, measurements of these two enzymes are often referred to as "liver function tests," a term that may be very misleading.

So, how then does one evaluate liver function? The chemistry profile also measures albumin, glucose, urea, and cholesterol all of which are manufactured within the liver. Decreased amounts of these four substances in the bloodstream are indicators that liver function is impaired.

Blood clotting factors are also made within the liver, and abnormally prolonged blood clotting times are consistent with liver dysfunction. A bile acids test is yet one more way of screening for impaired liver function.

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Linda Lombardi, Cindy Chaytor,
and Debbie Gotsch



Lady Maxine's Book of Quotations



If it be the chief point of friendship, to comply with a friend's notions and inclinations; He possesses this to an eminent degree; he lies down when I sit, and walks when I walk, which is more than many good friends can pretend to do.

Alexander Pope

Brothers and Sisters, I bid you beware, of giving your heart to a dog to tear.

Rudyard Kipling

The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog.

Sen. George Graham Vest

The poor dog, in life the firmest friend. The first to welcome, foremost to defend.

Lord Byron

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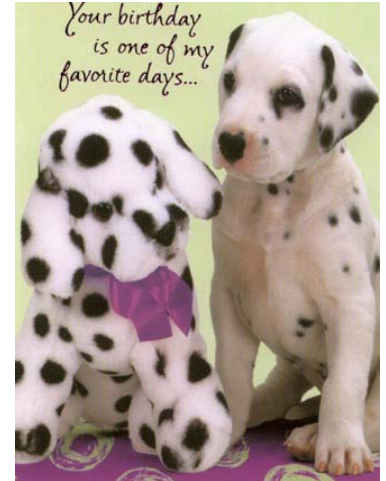
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Birthday Wishes



September

Pokatalica's Toujours L'Audace
9/2/2010 – Monica Callahan

Zdar n Ivadal's Enduring Freedom
9/11/2009 – Rick & Lesley
Sinwald

Zdar n Ivadal's Colour My World
9/18/2009 – Ann Swope

Zdar n Ivadal's Journey
9/18/2009 – Ann Swope

Zdar Special Package
9/18/2009 – Shannon Pratt

Zdar's n Ivadal Acellerator
9/18/2009 – Cindy Riggans

NON-SPOTTED BIRTHDAYS

Velma Deitrick – Sept. 9

Sean & Shannon Pratt
September 24, 2011

Barbara Brandon – Sept. 25

Lesley Sinwald – Sept 25

Scott & Tammy Edmundson
September 26, 1992

Send your birthday/anniversary

WRDC Membership Dues- Notice to Increase

As both the Board and general membership discussed raising the annual dues at the May meeting, the bylaws and constitution of our club was referenced.

“Annual membership dues shall be determined by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and shall be ratified by a majority vote of the general membership present at a regular meeting, provided that written notice of the proposal shall have been published in the ‘ **Spotted Copy**’ not less than 30 days before the vote is taken and shall take effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year at the annual October meeting.”

The board of directors has proposed a raise in dues. SINGLE would change from \$17.50 to \$20.00, FAMILY (which would include all dependents at the same household address) would change from \$20.00 to \$30.00 and JUNIOR from \$8.75 to \$10.00. This is the third notice of these changes.



WESTERN RESERVE DALMATIAN CLUB REGULAR MEETING MINUTES July 16, 2016

President, Linda Lombardi opened the meeting at 7:27 pm. Roll call was read, with 12 members attending. Cindy Chaytor made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, Diane Kompier seconded, carried. Correspondence was read.

Sunshine. Nancy Abbott reported that Marcella Austin is home and doing very well.

Holiday Party. Scott and Tammy Edmundson are still working on it.

Discussed the Specialty. What to bring and to be there by 7:00 am. Needed a volunteer to pick the judge, Rick Miller, up at the airport and deliver to the hotel. Linda Lombardi thanked Pam Weisman for heading the Puppy Match. Great Job.

Hospitality September. Pam Weisman and ?
Old Business: The Brunswick parade was a bust. There was no one that took charge. Lesley and Richard Sinwald were the only ones that showed up. Canton parade. There needs to be a point person. 7:00 line up. Send out details and head count.
DCA 2019 was discussed . Room rates have to be checked to see when the best time would be to have it. Mother’s Day or Memorial Day.
Greg Brown made a motion to adjourn, Steve Weisman seconded. Carried.
Meeting ended at 8:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Brown, Secretary



The Lament Of A Lady Who’s Gone To The Dogs

There was a time, there really was, When I was sweet and tender, When Show dog meant a Disney star, and bitch was not a gender.

I went to bed at half past ten, I went to church on Sunday, On Saturday I baked the beans, And did the wash on Monday.

But then I got a certain pup, And an erstwhile friend said “Show!” And so I did, and so I do.

I used to dress with flair and style, That was the life, don’t knock it. But now each dress from bed to ball, Must have a good bait pocket.

I used to have a certain air, I wallowed in perfume, I used to smell of Nuit D’Amour, Now I smell like Mr. Groom.

My furniture was haute décor, My pets, a tank of guppies, Now I’ve furniture unstuffed, And well-adjusted puppies.

Once I spoke in pristine prose,
In dulcet tones and frail..... But
now I'm using language, That
would turn a sailor pale.

I was taught to be well-groomed,
No matter where I went,
Now all the grooming I do,
Is in the handlers' tent.

I used to long for furs and
jewels, And a figure classed as
super, Now the thing I yearn for
most in life is a nice new pooper
scooper.

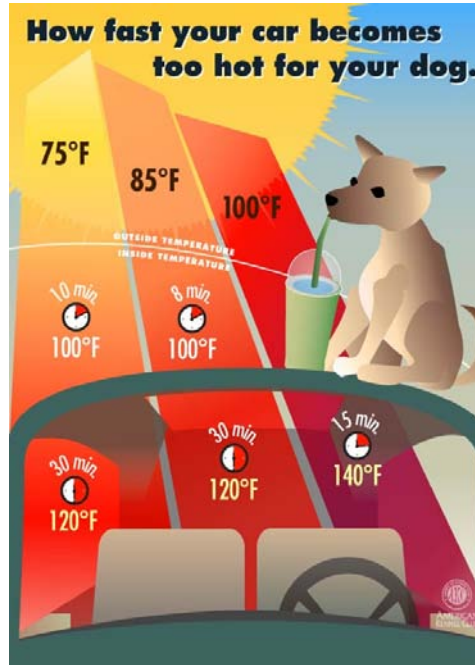
I adored a man who murmured
verse through intimate little
dinners, But now the words I
thrill to hear is "Best of Winners"

I rise at dawn and pack the car,
The road ahead's a long one,
The one I routed on the map's,
Invariably the wrong one.

I really love this doggy life,
I wouldn't care to change it, But
when I get that Best in Show,
I plan to rearrange it.

When my time on earth is done,
I'll go without much nudging....
Just give me 3 weeks closing
date, And let me know who's
judging.

(Author unknown,
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someone to step up and volunteer
as the clubs historian so if you
would consider doing so please let
Debbie know.

Any one have any web site
updates for Lesley? If so please
send to Lesley Sinwald at
lesley.mac@mac.com.

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new titles? If so what about a
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\$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
dgotsch@glwb.net

Sincerely,
Linda



Things You Wish You Never Said

"Oh, I just love to take care of
puppies"

"We have plenty of time to get to
the Show"

"I've never been bitten by any
dog"

"My dog has never dirtied in the
house"

"My dog never breaks on the sits
or downs"

"Winning that class will be a sure
thing"

"My dog is so smart, Obedience
will be a breeze"

"My bitch never has trouble
whelping"

Presidents Message

Hi All;

Hoping everyone is well
and doing great this summer. I've
been enjoying working outside and
teaching my dogs' new stuff. Even
though it's been hot they are still
willing to learn. Lizzy and I also
marched in the Hall Of Fame
parade and had a nice day to do so.
The Cinderella carriage was
beautiful and the driver and her
husband very nice people.

The specialty went very
well although it was hot. The dogs
and exhibitors all seemed to handle
the heat well. I want to thank
everyone for their contributions of
their time, water, ice and goodies
to share. These are some little
things we do to keep our specialty
"special" and different from the
ones that are in with the all breed
shows. In my opinion this helps to
keep exhibitors coming back.

Hey folks, there are still
some committees' open such as
Hospitality, Public Education, and a
volunteer to oversee supported
entries. Debbie is still seeking

WESTERN RESERVE DALMATIAN CLUB

Results of our 61st and 62nd Back-to-Back Specialty Shows on August 12, 2016. Thanks to all the exhibitors and congratulations to all the winners. Thanks to all club members who helped make our shows a success, our judges, and the help from Lorain County Kennel Club.

Morning Show;

Sweeps Judge: Steve Weisman

Best Junior Puppy, Best in Sweeps **Andiron's American Beauty** CH Andiron's Easy Money X Turning Stones Fortune Teller Owner: Patricia Martin

Best Senior Puppy **Starwood's It Happened One Night** Laurel Atlantis Pride Of The South CDX BN RN NA NAJ NF CAX2 CGC X Ch Starwood's Be Dazzled Owner: Tammy J Boice

Best Junior Veteran Best Veteran in Sweeps **Ch Starwood's Don't Take My Man CDX RN CGC NAJ TT** Ch Laurel's What The Doctor Ordered RN X Starwood's I Did It My Way Owner: Tammy J Boice

Best Junior Showmanship **Arwen Whiteman** Showing **GCh Noble Archer Of Rockledge CD BN RE AX AXJ OF**

Conformation Judge: Rick Miler

Entry 12,12 3,3 (9,10)
Actual 10,10 3,2 (8,8)

WD, BOW, BOB **Paisleypella A Boy And His Dog** Breeder: Patti Pella GCh Onsengeltje Enough Said X Ch Paisley's I Love Lucy By Elan Owner: Patti Pella

RWD **Element N Troika's Renegade** Breeders: Francois-Pier Garant, Patrice Corriveau, & Carrie Jordon Ch Prince Harts x Ch Element N Spotsafire Premiere Dame Of Nspird Ovners: Michele Markoff, Francois-Pier Gorant & Patrice Corriveau

WB **Matchless Music Of The Night** Breeders: Jan Warren Linne and Alan Linne Ch Matchless N Folklore Got The Right Stuff X Ch Matchless N Folklore Snapshot In Black N White Owners: Jan Warren Linne and Alan Linne (Dave Slattum, Agent)

RWB **Engine Co. Sparks Fly Bret D** Breeders: J. Shupp, J. Bache, M. Zink Bret D's It's All About Me X Engine Co. N BretD Aiming For The Top Owner: Amy M. Logan

BOB - winners dog

BOS - **Ch Limestone Desert Sands** Breeders: Cindy & Tim Gootee Guardian Fleet Admiral Nimitz X Ch Limestone Cast In Bronze Bitch. Owners: Cindy & Tim Gootee

Select Dog **GCh Ch Planetts N Shawrocks Don't Think Twice** Breeders: Barbara Kaplan-Barrett & Edward Barrett GCh Ch Monarch N Canal-Side's Prophecy X GCh Ch Planetts Third Rock From The Sun Dog. Owners: Ms. Jacquelyn Quinn & Barbara Kaplan-Barrett (Dave Slattum, Agent)

Select Bitch **Ch Folklore Horizon & Liberty's Stella Bella** Breeders: Diana Skibinski & Cindy Bowman, & Vickie Mooney Ch Paceway At Rosemount X GCh Folklore Celtic C&C All About Me Bitch. Owners: Robert J. & Diana L. Skibinski

AOM **GCh Ch Planetts N Shawrocks Don't Think Twice** Breeders: Barbara Kaplan-Barrett & Edward Barrett GCh Ch Monarch N Canal-Side's Prophecy X GCh Ch Planetts Third Rock From The Sun Dog. Owners: Ms. Jacquelyn Quinn & Barbara Kaplan-Barrett (Dave Slattum, Agent)

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Afternoon Show;
Sweeps Judge: John Benoit

Best Junior Puppy, Best in Sweeps **Dynamic And Folklore's Cinnamon Spice**
GCh Folklore Cletic Crossfire Trail X GCh Horizon And Liberty's Aero Dynamic Owners: Samuel H Kovitz and Kirsten Laurin-Kovitz

Best Senior Puppy **Starwood's It Happened One Night** Laurel Atlantis Pride Of The South CDX BN RN NA NAJ NF CAX2 CGC X Ch Starwood's Be Dazzled Owner: Tammy J Boice

Best Junior Veteran, Best Veteran in Sweeps **Ch Koira Charmed Magic CGC** GCh Rockstar's Reconsider Me X Ch PACH Koira Fyrlyte Magic Happens CD RA MX MXJOF MXP3 MJP4 XFP T2BP Owner: Teresa Rooney

Best Junior Showmanship **Katti Maloney** Showing **Engine Co N Keepsake Smoke On The Water Bret D**

Conformation Judge: Karen Rockwell

Entry 11,9 2,3 (9,9)
Actual 9,7 1,2 (5,7)

WD, BOW **Paisleypella A Boy And His Dog** Breeder: Patti Pella GCh Onsengeltje Enough Said X Ch Paisley's I Love Lucy By Elan Owner: Patti Pella

RWD **Paisley Playin' The Field** Breeders: H. Jarosiewicz, J. MacMillan, S. MacMillan Ch Tuckaway Augusta X GCh Ch Paisley's Gem In The Ruff Owner: Sandra Alder

WB **Matchless Music Of The Night** Breeders: Jan Warren Linne and Alan Linne Ch Matchless N Folklore Got The Right Stuff X Ch Matchless N Folklore Snapshot In Black N White Owners: Jan Warren Linne and Alan Linne (Dave Slattum, Agent)

RWB **Dynamic And Folklore's Cinnamon Spice** Breeders: Samuel H Kovitz and Kirsten Laurin-Kovitz GCh Folklore Cletic Crossfire Trail X GCh Horizon And Liberty's Aero Dynamic Owners: Samuel H Kovitz and Kirsten Laurin-Kovitz

BOB **Ch Engine Co N Troika Where There's Smoke Bret D** Breeders: Joanne Shupp & Michele Markoff & Debbie Zink Ch Troika's Rock The Casbah Bret D X Ch Engine Co Charge The Lines Bret D Bitch. Owner: Michele Markoff



BOS **Ch Dynamic And Folklore's Top Gun** Breeders: Samuel Kovitz and Kirsten Laurin-Kovitz GCh Folklore Celtic Crossfire Trail X GCh Horizon And Liberty's Aero Dynamic Dog. Owners: Samuel Kovitz and Kirsten Laurin-Kovitz



Select Dog **Ch Cappy Hollow Engine Co The Luminator**

Breeders: David W. Galloway & Joanne Shupp GCh Engine Co. Flashover Bret D CA, CGC X Ch Engine Co Cappy Hollow Spark In The Dark Dog. Owners: David W. Galloway & Joanne Shupp

Select Bitch **GCh Spotlight Maybe It's Maybeline** Breeder: Connie Wagner GCh Spotlight's Storm Chaser X Ch Spotlight Calliente Bitch. Owners: John and Elaine Bachey and M. Zink (Phil Booth, Agent)

AOM **Matchless Music Of The Night** Breeders: Jan Warren Linne and Alan Linne Ch Matchless N Folklore Got The Right Stuff X Ch Matchless N Folklore Snapshot In Black N White Owners: Jan Warren Linne and Alan Linne (Dave Slattum, Agent)

AOM **Ch Koira Charmed Magic CGC** Breeders: Lynn Luikart & Scott & Carol Facey GCh Rockstar's Reconsider Me X Ch PACH Koira Fyrlyte Magic Happens CD RA MX MXJOF MXP3 MJP4 XFP T2BP Owner: Teresa Rooney



Nominating Committee

After securing the consent of each person nominated, we list the following candidates for 2017:

President – Debbie Gotsch
 Vice-President – Lesley Sinwald
 Treasurer – Nancy Abbott
 Secretary – Martha Brown
 Board Members:
 Cindy Riggans, 3 year, 2018
 Cindy Chaytor 2 year, 2017
 Barbara Brandon 2 year, 2018
 Tammy Edmondson 1 year, 2017
 Past President – Linda Lombardi, 1 year

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Riggans, Kathy Szomoru,
Rick Sinwald

As written in the Club's By-Laws and Constitution, additional nominations of eligible members may be made at the September meeting by any member in attendance provided the person so nominated does not decline when his/her name is proposed and is a willing candidate."



FROM THE EDITOR...

This newsletter is meant to be the voice of the membership of the WRDC, but this can not be carried out with out the complete cooperation of the membership.

If you find any articles that you feel would be of interest to other members, or hear of any news concerning other members, please feel free to call or contact me. The deadline for all articles is usually around the 21st of each month for the next months issue of the "Spotted Copy". Occasionally, we wonder whether it's worth all the effort – and just about that time, some kind soul will tell us that they look forward to getting the "Spotted Copy" and life is good again. We would like to print more personal things about you, your Dals, your families and worthwhile things you've read, so keep us in mind and let us know what's going on, we'd like to let other members know too.



Memo To All Members

It has become necessary for us to review some of our policies due to frequent absenteeism of our members. The following changes are in effect today:

Sickness.....

No excuse. We will no longer accept your doctor's statement of proof, as we believe that if you are able to go to the doctor, you are able to come to meetings.

Operations.....

We are no longer allowing operations. We wish to discourage any thought that you may need an operation, as we

believe as long as you're a member, you will need all of whatever you have and should not consider having anything removed.

Death.....

This will be accepted as an excuse, but we feel that it is your duty to have a replacement who will take over your duties and committees.

WRDC Specialty Re-Cap



I would first like to thank all the WRDC members who helped out for our Specialty shows in August. We rock!. We sometimes achieve some great efforts like a well-oiled machine.

Thank you to Judges; Rick Miller, Steve Weisman, Karen Rockwell, and John Benoit. I think this was one of the hottest shows ever as far as temperatures, but we got a break on Saturday when the winds blew down the tent. Thank you to all of the support from entries and from friends across the country and Canada.

Our food was great, the ring was dry and big so our Dals could move like they should. Thanks to Jeff Gillespie for singing the national anthem.

Next year the judges are Charlie Garvin and Sam Hart, still working on a second set of judges. Hope every one has a safe year and hope to see you next year.

Cindy Riggans