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Heartland Board Elections

This year, two of our board positions are open for election. The terms of Rick Helms and Jenni Mitchell are expiring. Thanks to them for helping the club during their terms. Jenni has decided to run again and Rick had agreed to stay aboard until someone steps forward to run for the 2nd position. So, if any of our members are interested in serving on the board, we would love to hear from you! Please contact any of the current board members or e-mail Paul Kimmerly at pjkimmerly@kcnet.com and let us know of your interest.

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Time for Fieldstone !!

That's right, it's almost time for the annual Fieldstone Fall Festival of Fun and Frolic for you and your terriers. Ken and Nancy Krause are looking forward to hosting the club on September 23rd at the Fieldstone Bed and Breakfast in Overbrook KS. More information on the fun day can be found later in this newsletter.

Home Remedies: Don't Go It Alone

From *Your Dog Magazine*

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Let's say your dog isn't feeling well or has injured itself slightly. After you describe the situation to your veterinarian over the phone, he or she asks, "Do you have X, Y, or Z in the house?"

While it's definitely unwise to put anything on or in your dog without first talking to your veterinarian, there are certain occasions when the judicious use of household items, with veterinary guidance, can help your dog feel better.

Consult your veterinarian first

Your veterinarian is the one best qualified to determine if you should take remedial steps at home or take your dog to the animal clinic. The first consideration is the seriousness of the illness or injury; a second consideration may be how far away you live from an animal clinic. "In many instances, if you're within a 15 or 20-minute ride to a veterinarian, it's better to have your dog treated at the hospital," says Dr. Robert Murtaugh, professor and critical-care veterinarian at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine. And, even if you treat the dog initially at home, you may need to visit the animal hospital later for a complete diagnosis work up or more targeted treatment.

Inhibiting Infection

Dogs often sustain minor scrapes and cuts. Disinfecting such wounds helps prevent infection. In a pinch, rubbing alcohol is an adequate disinfectant, but it stings on contact. Antiseptics such as *hydrogen peroxide* or *chlorhexidine* are more effective and less likely to smart. The oxygen rich bubbling of hydrogen peroxide is especially useful for disinfecting bite wounds or abscesses, but these types of injuries – and any skin lesion that becomes infected – should always be examined by a veterinarian.

Dealing with Disturbances

Dogs are notorious for eating things that offend their digestive systems. If your dog's indiscriminate appetite causes only a touch of diarrhea, your veterinarian may prescribe a weight-based dose of Pepto-Bismol or Kaopectate to settle the digestive tract. "If there's vomiting along with the diarrhea lasts more than 24 hours, the dog should be seen by a veterinarian," advises Dr. Murtaugh.

If your dog has ingested a dangerous substance, your veterinarian may want to purge the offending material from the dog's digestive tract. Depending on what the dog ate and how long ago, your veterinarian may direct you to induce vomiting with the aid of hydrogen or *syrup of ipecac*. *Never* induce vomiting without first consulting your vet. "You shouldn't induce vomiting if your dog has consumed a substance, such as drain opener, that might burn the esophagus on its way out," cautions Dr. Murtaugh. It's also inadvisable to induce vomiting in a dog that's unable to stand, stuporous or unconscious. Doing so increases the risk of choking and aspiration – the accidental inhalation of foreign matter, which can lead to dangerous lung complications.

To rid the canine digestive system of a potentially harmful substance without inducing vomiting, your veterinarian may recommend giving your dog a solution of *activated charcoal*, which binds up (absorbs) toxic substances. Activated charcoal that contains a *cathartic* (an agent that stimulates bowel activity) is best because "the charcoal must quickly be expelled from the dog's system, or else the harmful substances will break loose and again threaten the dog," explains Dr. Murtaugh.

Except in dogs suffering hind-end nerve damage, constipation is an uncommon canine complaint. Consequently, veterinarians rarely ask owners to give their dogs enemas. Moreover, enemas sold for people contain high levels of phosphate, which can cause dangerous reductions in a canine's calcium levels.

Treating Externals

A common at-home “dog crisis” occurs when owners inadvertently clip their dog’s nails too close to the quick. Styptic pencils contain astringent material that, when applied to bleeding tissues, constricts the blood vessels and helps form a blood clot. Be aware, however, that styptic pencils often sting when applied. Some dogs begin to associate that unpleasantness with nail clipping in general, and pedicure time becomes a wrestling match. It’s often best to let a vet or professional groomer clip the nails of such dogs.

Even if you don’t use it to bake homemade dog biscuits, your dog may appreciate having baking soda around. Mixed with water to form a paste, baking soda helps take the itch and pain out of some insect stings, and it can be used to help neutralize acid burns.

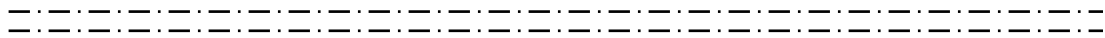
If your dog has flea-bite dermatitis or other moist skin lesions, you may want to keep an over-the-counter astringent such as Domeboro solution on hand. Prior to using such drying agents, however, you should carefully remove the hair from the affected area using an electric clipper equipped with a blade that’s right for your dog’s coat. It’s best to consult with your vet about any chronic skin condition because additional treatment may be necessary.

Sometimes, a dog’s eyes become irritated by dirt or a speck of plant matter. In such cases, you can use boric-acid solution or contact lense cleaner as an eye flush. However, if there is significant redness or swelling or if the foreign matter remains in the eye after flushing, take your dog to the veterinarian.

Relieving Pain

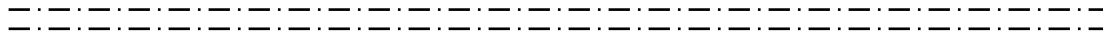
Although the risk of administering human pain relievers (*analgesics*) is greater with cats than with dogs, never give medications containing *aspirin*, *acetaminophen* or *ibuprofen* to your dog without first consulting the vet. Of the common household pain relievers, buffered aspirin is probably the one most often recommended by veterinarians. But you need about 25 milligrams per kilogram (2.2 pounds) of dog weight – a significant amount – to achieve effective pain relief. Administering aspirin a couple of times at that dosage is not likely to cause problems, “But veterinarians are hesitant to dose dogs at that level for long periods of time due to the risk of gastrointestinal bleeding and ulceration,” notes Dr. Murtaugh.

Including the items mentioned in this article in your canine first-aid kit will save you from having to hunt for them when you need them. But remember, always consult your veterinarian before deciding if you should treat your ailing dog at home.



Jack Russells in the Local News

On August 12th, The *Kansas City Star* reported on the perils of Sophie, a 2 year-old Jack Russell Terrier. Olathe firefighters were called in to help Olathe Animal Control officers rescue the little terrier. Sophie had burrowed under a family’s concrete patio, no doubt hunting some suburban varmint. It took rescuers 25 minutes to dig a small trench under the patio to reach Sophie. Battalion Chief Ken Keiter was quoted as saying, “ It’s great to see that Sophie is okay and back with her family.”



Notable Quote

“You can say any foolish thing to a dog, and the dog will give you a look that says ‘My God, you’re right! I never would’ve thought of that!’”

- Dave Barry

The Fieldstone Fall Fun Festival

September 23, 2006



Agility

Racing

Go-to-
Ground

Fall Fun

Held amid the rolling hills and vineyards of the
Fieldstone Bed & Breakfast

In Overbrook, KS

Events begin at 10:00 AM

Entry Fee:
\$5.00 per terrier
for all the events you'd care to run.

**If you're interested in staying at the Bed & Breakfast,
Call Ken and Nancy at
(785) 665-7643**

Directions to Fieldstone
“Not exactly on the way to anywhere.”

From Kansas City, take I-35 South to U.S. 56 Highway, the Gardner exit. *Do Not* be fooled by the “Old U.S. 56” exit. Take U.S. 56 Highway west to Overbrook. Overbrook is a little further west from the intersection of U.S. 56 and U.S. 59. Once in town, look for Maple Street (the lumberyard is on the corner). Take a right and head north for one mile to the first gravel road. It does sneak up on you, so be ready. Turn right and head east for 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles. Fieldstone will be on your right side.

The events will begin with Go-to-Ground at 10:00 AM.

- Both novice and open tunnels will be available
 - Run as many times as you like

Racing will follow at around 11:00

- Unlimited races for all terriers
- Great opportunity for novice racers to get some practice

Agility Clinic will finish the day

- Great opportunity to introduce novice terriers to the obstacles

**Don't forget, Ken and Nancy will have fresh apples and pears
from their orchards for anyone interested.**

Classifieds

Persimmon Hill Terriers

Now Standing to Approved Bitches



Northgate Logan
(Deep Run Derek x Fox Run Sloan)
BAER Normal / CERF Clear
Best Open Dog - MWJRTC 8/2006
Co-owned w/Doug & Sue Tack

Upcoming Litter

Firestorm Blast (Bronze)
Fox Run Rivet x Fox Island Parker
X
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Expected 9/14/06

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Hunter's Moon Kennel



Standing

Meadowlake Scar

- 11.5" Tan & white smooth coat
- N.H.C. to groundhog
- 13 Working Terrier Championships
- in 2003 & 2004, Scar's offspring won numerous championships

Hunter's Moon Artemis

- 11.5", tan and white smooth coat
- N.H.C. to raccoon and groundhog
- Multiple Working Terrier Championships

Wildgoose Kerm

- Bronze Medallion
- 13" tri-color, rough coat
- 10 years old and still hunting
- His sons and daughters are following in his winning pawprints

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Von Willowbrand's normal

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Daybreak Jack Russell Terriers

Upcoming Litters

Mach One Brigand x Mountain Legends Diva (NHC)
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\$5.00 for a single issue
\$20.00 for the entire year

2007 Membership Form

The Heartland Jack Russell Terrier Club was formed in November 1991 for the purpose of informing Jack Russell Terrier owners across the Heartland region of terrier trials and special events. Our goal is to help members learn more about Jack Russell Terriers, their special needs and unique abilities.

We encourage all members to send in any information that would be of interest to other Jack Russell owners. Please send any articles, stories, classifieds and notices of activities to:

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Dues for this club are \$15.00 annually per household. Like the Jack Russell Terrier Club of America, our memberships run from January 1st through December 31st. Current members have until March 15th to renew memberships without loss of privileges. Any memberships received after October 1st will count towards the following year. Members will receive one free class entry to the Heartland Spring and Fall events. To join, mail the membership form below with dues payable to the "Heartland Jack Russell Terrier Club." Please return the form and dues to:

Heartland Jack Russell Terrier Club
c/o Paul Kimmerly
4921 W. 72nd Street
Prairie Village, KS 66208

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mark here if you'd like to receive your newsletter by email: _____

How many Jack Russell Terriers do you own? _____

Is this a renewal? Yes No

Signature: _____

*** Please make checks payable to "Heartland Jack Russell Terrier Club"

Suggestions for articles you'd like to see:

1) _____

2) _____

Heartland Halloween Happening

Is coming soon.

October 28th and 29th
At the Franklin County Fairgrounds in
Ottawa, Kansas

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