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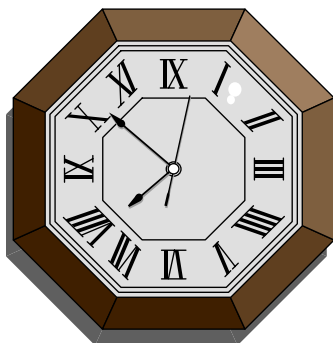
February 2007

Big Changes at the Heartland Trial

For the 15th straight year, the Heartland Jack Russell Terrier Club will host our annual spring terrier trial. This year, however, we will be hosting two full trials in two days. The trials will be known as the Heartland Sunflower Classics I & II. Jenni Mitchell is serving as our trial chair this year for both days with Nancy Fenton returning as trial secretary. Some old and new faces will be judging this year. Roma Garon and Gaye Redpath will judge our conformation rings for the first time this year. Stephanie Poppe and Lupe Saldivar return as go-to-ground judges. Lupe will pull double duty by judging go-to-ground one day and racing the next. His wife, Angela, will judge racing the other day. Some regular attendees at the Heartland trial will judge for the first time this year. Mike Bilbo will judge go-to-ground and Candy Henely will judge Agility. We look forward to seeing them all.

With so many events and so many exhibitors, the trial needs volunteers. We need help with everything from help setting up on Friday to helping with the events to taking down on Sunday. There are a lot of jobs at the trial where we could use your help. If you are interested in helping out, please get in touch with our trial chair at (785) 418-7616 or heartlandjrt@wildblue.net. If you volunteer, you'll receive a free class at a future Heartland event.

Time to Renew Your Membership for 2007



If you have not renewed your Heartland membership for 2007, this is your last chance to renew in time to receive a free class entry at this year's spring trial. Your renewal must be in by March 10th for you to receive your free class. If you have not renewed, three asterisks (***) will appear next to your name on the address page of this newsletter or the accompanying email message will contain your reminder. Please consider receiving your newsletter by email. It saves the club on printing and postage costs. Plus, the pictures look a lot better in color. You won't want to miss out on this year's terrier fun.

2007 Heartland Board Members

The current Heartland Board members can be reached by email at:

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Don't forget to visit the Heartland Club's web page at www.hwjrtc.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED EARN A FREE CLASS

EVERY YEAR, THE HEARTLAND TRIAL IS A SUCCESS
BECAUSE OF THE HARD WORK OF OUR VOLUNTEERS.
A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU GOES TO ALL OF OUR PAST VOLUNTEERS.

WE ALWAYS NEED MORE HELP WITH EVERYTHING FROM SET-UP
TO EVENT STEWARDS TO RACE CATCHERS TO TAKE DOWN.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING,
PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH JENNI MITCHELL AT
(785) 418-7616 or heartlandjrt@wildblue.net

***ALL VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE
FOR A FREE CLASS AT THE NEXT HEARTLAND TRIAL.***

Silent Auction to Benefit Club

At this year's trial, the club will hold its first silent auction in an effort to help the club raise money to cover expenses and planned equipment purchases. We are looking for "big ticket" items to include in the auction. If you are interested in donating or helping the club find items, please get in touch with Mary Stevens at stevens3@att.net.

Fond Farewells



Z Ducati

The Heartland Club lost a member and a good friend. Z Ducati passed away November 30 at her home while being held by her husband. She loved her terriers, Lena and Zip, and they were at her side when she left this earth. Z was a very good natured and generous individual. She always pitched in to help at Heartland events and always donated to the raffle. She just showed up and pitched in, often with several family members in tow. She was survived by her husband Michael Bouye, sons Brai and Cole Ulbricht and her stepchildren Travis, Louise and Elizabeth Bouye. The club will miss her very much.

Moose

Moose, the Jack Russell Terrier that played Eddie on *Frasier*, died in late 2006 at the home of his trainer Mathilde Halberg. Moose started out like most Jack Russell terriers tearing up the home of his first owners. He then went to live with a blacksmith. In less than 3 days, he managed to turn the horses loose, start a fire and run off the family's beloved cat. He returned to his first home and continued his destructive ways. Just when they were about to send him to the shelter, a trainer happened to stop into the veterinary office where his first owner worked. The trainer took him to Orlando, Florida and a show business career was born. Moose won the *Frasier* audition and became a favorite actor in the show. While he often stole scenes from his human counterparts, he proved to be warm, funny, charming and lovable. He went on to star as the older Skip in the movie *My Dog Skip*. No self respecting Jack Russell owner can watch that movie and come away with a dry eye. As he grew older, Moose shared his role as Eddie with his son Enzo. Enzo also played the younger Skip in the movie. Hollywood lost a well-known four-legged icon.

Just a Dog

Musings by Richard Biby
From Versatile Hunting Magazine, February 2006

From time to time, people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a dog," or, "that's a lot of money for just a dog."

They don't understand the distance traveled, the time spent, or the costs involved for "just a dog." Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog." Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted. Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a dog," and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a dog" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it's "just a dog," then you will probably understand phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise." "Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy. "Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that make me a better person.

Because of "just a dog" I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future. So for me and folks like me, it's not "just a dog" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment. "Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a dog" but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a man." So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog," just smile, because they "just don't understand."

What a Terrier Is ...

By Nick Stevens
Sent in by Nancy Krause

... all the time a steady bay from some small dog, maybe 12 to 15 pounds in weight, giving it hammer and tongs, squeezed into some small hole many feet below hundreds of tons of soil, facing a quarry maybe twice its size and more than capable of killing it. Yet enduring hours of punishment, all because it wants to! Its entire ancestry comes to the fore. A pedigree written in blood. Missing teeth and gums. No one can make a dog do this - if they want to, they will! They will be beaten, their faces swell up to twice their normal size. They wimper when you wash and treat their wounds, act dejected for a couple of days. Then comes next weekend, you pick up a spade and there they are - dancing and pleading to go again. I have the greatest admiration for them. The gamest dog in the world!!

Chew on This

By Sandra L. Toney

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If you have a dog who is a consistent “chewer,” you may be at your wits end trying to think of ways to prevent him from gnawing away at your entire home. Often, you may come home after a long day at work and find Fido has been at it again - the arm of your new sofa is practically gone or perhaps your favorite pair of shoes are now just shreds of material. Things can't go on like this, but what is a tired, frustrated dog owner to do?

Determining the Cause

“First of all, I'd look to make sure the dog has adequate nutrition and, if so, we'd get the dog on an exercise routine if at all humanly possible,” said Joanne Howl, DVM, author of *It's a Cat's Life*.

“Chewing is a very common, very serious problem. It can be life threatening, because the owners often throw up their hands and give up on the dog. In many cases, a chewer is likely to end up in a shelter and then, unfortunately, be euthanized.”

While chewing is a perfectly natural behavior in puppies and young dogs (especially during their teething stage), an adult dog who chews inappropriate objects is a major concern. In many dogs, the problem is a behavioral one, but certain medical conditions also can cause such destructive activities.

Deb Eldredge, DVM, said the first thing she does is ask for a complete history of the dog, including if and how long the dog is left alone and why. “Most adult dogs who suddenly start chewing have a problem – behavioral or medical. I also would do a complete

physical and possibly blood work or x-rays,” the Vernon, New York, veterinarian states. “Dogs will chew from loneliness (they are social animals), lack of exercise or sometimes pain.”

Treating the Symptoms

Susan Bulanda, a feline and canine ethologist, said, “Most adult dogs chew because of stress or boredom. In most cases, chewing is a symptom of another problem. If you do not correct the underlying problem, the symptoms will not go away. Dogs that have a high energy level and are very intelligent are more likely to develop problems such as chewing.

“In many cases, these dogs do not make good pets because the household schedule will not accommodate their needs,” continued Bulanda, author of *Ready to Serve, Ready to Save*. “Dogs who are not chewers have learned what is acceptable to chew and what is not, and will obey the rule. They also get enough exercise and stimulation to meet their needs. This keeps the stress level down.”

Of course, sometimes medical or psychological attention may be the only solution for the consistent chewer. Elizabeth Hodgkins, DVM, Esquire, and medical director for the California-based company, Veterinarian Pet Insurance, recommended, “There are some protocols available through qualified veterinary behaviorists which utilize anti-depressants or tranquilizers in conjunction with behavior-modification techniques to extinguish unacceptable activity such as chewing.”

Redirecting the Behavior

Dogs are not spiteful or vindictive creatures. They do not chew on inappropriate objects to get back at you or make you angry. In most cases, it is due to anxiety or loneliness and, with time, patience, love and understanding, you can redirect those chewing habits onto more suitable objects. Sturdy, interesting dog toys can make all the difference in dealing with your canine's chewing problems.

Bulanda, who has worked with and trained dogs in 25 years as a canine ethologist, believes the best way to prevent a chewing problem is not to let your dog chew anything made of materials that you don't want them to chew. "For example, do not give puppies old clothing, shoes, socks, fuzzy toys, etc. The safest way to handle this is to give your dog two things – one should be a *Bite-a-Bone* (first choice) or a nylon bone product and any of the Kong-type toys," she said. "Balls should only be used as interactive toys. This means that the dog gets them only when it is playtime with you. This will teach your dog what is appropriate to chew and what is not."

Of course, making your dogs favorite inappropriate chewing objects inaccessible or undesirable is another alternative to stop this unwanted behavior. Put your shoes in a place your dog cannot access, like behind a closed

closet door. Also, a spray substance known as Bitter Apple, which tastes horrible to most dogs, should deter him from chewing on anything once he gets a taste of it.

Also, keeping Fido in a crate or another suitable area just for him, such as a chew-proof room of his own or an outdoor doggy run, might make sense while you are away from home or at night.

Happily Ever After

Finally, the answer for a chewing dog might be another dog – a companion for the pooch. Since boredom and loneliness have been cited as the most apparent reasons for the chewer, some company (especially if you are away from home a lot) might be just the solution you've been searching for.

Whatever the reason for your cherished canine's chewing shenanigans, please don't give up on him. Remember, dogs are the most loyal of companions and, oftentimes, they seem to live their lives just trying to make you happy. Find the cause, treat the symptoms and redirect Fido's chewing and you won't regret putting a little time and effort into better understanding your devoted dog. It's the very least you can do for the years of love and loyalty he is certain to bestow upon you and your family.

Notable Quote

"Humankind is drawn to dogs because they are so like ourselves – bumbling, affectionate, confused, easily disappointed, eager to be amused, grateful for kindness and the least attention."

- Pam Brown

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:

Paul Kimmerly
4921 W. 72nd Street
Prairie Village, KS 66208
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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:

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C/o Paul Kimmerly
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Please mark here if you prefer to received your newsletter by email: _____

How many Jack Russell Terriers do you own? _____

Is this a renewal? Yes No

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Suggestions for articles you'd like to see:

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Did You Know?

- Trainers always recommend praising your new puppy when it has done well, but they caution not to always use treats. Reward your dog with affection and words of approval so that physical attention is associated with good conduct. Use treats only occasionally.
- Ideally, every dog should have two leashes, a short one for training and walks in crowded spaces and a long one (*6 feet or more) for relaxed walks and play.
- You can bathe a puppy as young as 8 weeks old, but the process can be frightening. Never spray water directly in the puppy's face or put it under running water. Use cotton balls just inside the ears to keep water out.
- If your dog suffers separation anxiety, leave a goodie bag filled with toys, a few treats and chews on the floor as you leave.

Incredible Dog Challenge Comes to Wichita

May 11 & 12, 2007

Purina has asked the Heartland Club to help them run the Jack Russell races at the Incredible Dog Challenge regional event in Wichita on May 11th and 12th. The club has been asked to secure 18 dogs for the competition. Six dogs will be coming from St. Louis for a total of 24 dogs.

Four preliminary heats of six dogs each will be run followed by two semi-finals of six dogs each. The final will feature the top three dogs from each of the semi-finals. The top two finishers will advance to the finals in September at Purina Farms in Grey Summit, MO.

The club will need to provide a race director, judge, starter, lure operator and catchers. If you are interested in helping out please get in touch with Rick Helms at huntmoor@centurytel.net.

Heartland Working Jack Russell Terrier Club
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