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- Dog Obesity Epidemic on the Rise
- Choosing a Performance Dog's Temperament

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Jacord Papillons

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Dedra Turner and Jacord Papillons

CH Pilots Set My Heart In Motion (Kip) is a happy, playful guy who loves to be the center of attention. He loves the show ring and only lacks a few single points for his GCH.



Letter from the President



Here it's specialty 2012 and we are already thinking and working on specialty 2013. You probably know that Mary Hakel is taking over as show chairman then and I am grateful for her to step in. There are some important decisions to be made.

First there is the issue of PCA scheduling the 2013 National Show on our show dates. This has to be looked into more because I'm finding out two things. One is that there is a precedent for PCA approving a regional club's show anyway when they violate our dates. The second is that AKC may consider it illegal for them to attempt to "take away" our dates, considering that we are a fair distance from the National show site.

Besides that, I'm hearing rumors that the Tulsa Roundup cluster clubs are disappointed with the Memorial Day weekend for the shows. There are too many other activities that conflict, so there is some discussion on moving the dates back to Fall, similar to the dates we used to have. The problem is finding long weekend dates available that would match up with availability of the Quick Trip Center.

Also, there is discussion in our board about the possibility of moving our specialty back to Claremore. Mary, you've got a lot to work on.

Don

Dates & Places to Remember

PCT meetings are scheduled throughout the year and include socials PLUS get together at numerous nearby dog shows. Our goal is for our PCT members to easily network and play an active part in the club. **From the increased size in attendance, this strategy must be working.** There next meetings scheduled after the Specialties will be at Little Rock, August 11th & 12th. There is a dinner meeting planned on Saturday after the Specialty on May 24th. If you have an opinion about the social, email me and I will forward it to the officers.



Dedra wins with her Aussie Meg



Dedra's three Papillons love to taking her walking.

Did you know:

Like humans, dogs are getting fatter. Treats appears to be a major problem for all

On the Cover: Dedra Turner and Jacord Papillons

Dedra has always been a dog lover and dreamed of becoming a veterinarian as a child, but her parents discouraged her, telling her that she would never be able to put a dog to sleep. She brought home every stray in the neighborhood. When a sweet little female with belly full of puppies found her way into Dedra's heart, her parents decided she could have a dog if she promised to stop bringing home strays. Her granddad raised beagles at his deer camp and Dedra loved picking the ticks off his dogs because she felt sorry for them. Her favorite aunt had always raised and shown Australian Shepherds, so right out of school, Dedra started hauling and showing with her and her friends. She became dog washer, walker, groomer, ring side wrangler, van loader/unloader, and, a in a pinch, handler. It didn't take long for the bug to bite with her own Aussie, Meg, to show.

Dedra suffered from severe depression most of her life and Meg saved her life. When she met her husband, Jeff, she bought and showed an Australian Cattle Dog, Kate, for him. Jeff and Dedra had fun going to shows and making lasting memories and friends but, when their boys came along, Dedra decided to focus all her time on raising her boys. The family has never been without animals, especially dogs! So, when the boys were older, Dedra has decided to get back to doing what she loved doing, showing her dogs. Jeff gave her a pet Papillon for their anniversary, making it was an easy decision to start to show Papillons. After looking for a long time, they finally found a male from Pilot Papillons and named him Kip. Unfortunately, Dedra only showed him at one show before once again fighting depression, which required her to take time off. Maturity helped Kip. He received his first point in February 2011 in Camden and finished his championship in May 2011 in Tulsa.

"The Bauer's have been very generous with trusting us with their dogs and have always been there to answer any questions we have. We have also been fortunate enough to receive help and advice from many Papillon breeders and handlers, especially Tulsa Club members. We feel like part of a family. I have now bred and co-bred a few litters and I'm very excited to start showing my babies."

Special Interest: Do dogs eat grass to ease an upset stomach?

Lori Luechtefield, in *Fact or Fallacy?* (Your Dog March 2011) asked Michael Stone, DVM, a board-certified specialist in small animal internal medicine at Tufts' Cummings School Veterinary School who noted that some demonstrate grass eating as an early sign of relapse after being treated for gastrointestinal but wasn't sure if eating grass actually settled anything. Many dogs like the taste and will eat too much and then vomit, which is harmless and not a problem. One caution though, most pesticides are not harmful unless ingested in large amounts. To be safe, you should keep your dog off the lawn for several days after applying.

Special Interest: Survey: Dog Obesity Epidemic on the Rise

Dogs are getting fatter at an alarming rate finds a survey by the Association of Pet Obesity Prevention. Unfortunately, more and more pet owners are unaware their pet is overweight notes Ernie Ward, DVM founder of APOP. Treats continue to be a major contributor. Their 2011 poll revealed that 95% gave a commercial treat, 26% three or more times a day. A typical dog biscuit (25-27 calories fed to a 20 pound dog is equivalent of an average adult human eating two Keebler E.L. Fudge Double Stuffed Sandwich Cookies (180 calories). [Your Dog, June 2012, p 15]

Did you know?

Dogs approximately 1 to 3 years old have the greatest number of adverse reactions to immunizations and the risk for neutered dogs is 24% to 37% higher than sexually intact dogs according to a 2005 study conducted by Purdue University. Most dogs were treated successfully with an antihistamine and/or cortisone that reduces inflammation. [For more info see Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine's Your Dog, March 2011, page 13]

Education: Choosing a Performance Dog: a look at Temperament

by Diana Kerew-Shaw

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"To succeed in performance, no matter what your sport, a puppy must have both a sound temperament and good structure." notes veteran TV producer and writer Diana Kerew-Shaw, author of It's A Dog Not A Toaster: Finding your Fun in Competitive Obedience (Dogwise, 2011). There are several excellent resources to choose among but, for assessing temperament, Ms. Kerew-Shaw recommends the Volhard puppy aptitude test by Wendy Volhard (see Dog Training for Dummies, 2010). Ms. Volhard rates predisposition from 1 (aggressive to people and dogs) to 6 (so independent that it doesn't need you or other people). Performance prospects score mostly 3s (needs training, does very well at it and learns quickly) and 2s (has the potential to be a great show dog, lots of self confidence). The test looks at Social attraction, Following, Restraint, Social dominance, Elevation dominance, Retrieving, Sound sensitivity, Touch sensitivity, Sight sensitive and Startle response. Things to look for are:

- 1) A puppy who follows you immediately enjoys interacting with humans.
- 2) A puppy, when placed on the ground, gently rolled over and kept on its back struggles at first, then settles down and accepts the will of the handler, which are ideal combinations of drive and willingness. Puppies who are difficult to train won't struggle (avoiding conflict) or will struggles continuously (fights to get its way)
- 3) A puppy must not be terrified by strange objects or loud noises for it likely will have trouble handling the stress of training and showing.
- 4) A breed that is meant to work closely with humans.

[For more info see 'Choosing your next Performance Dog,' Dog World May 2012, pp.34-7, 44.]

Questions to ask: Puppy Aptitude Tests: Crystal Balls or Hocus Pocus

by Carolyn Coile, Ph.D.

Predictive value of Puppy Aptitude Tests appears to depend on the nature of the test and the job being tested for" counters Dr. Carolyn Coile.

Originally developed in the 1970s by Clarence Pfaffenberger and John Scott for choosing guide dogs for their training school, aptitude tests were able to control the number of dropouts in their training program. The tests weren't perfect but did increase accuracy in prediction. Later researchers introduced a focus on fearfulness, which improved those results but found that a puppy's reaction to a strange person, strange dog and to certain unusual objects was most useful when the puppy was at least 3 months old or older. The most popular tests are the Campbell PAT (by William Campbell) and the Volhard PAT (by Jack & Wendy Volhard). These tests' validity have been verified and many breeders swear by them; yet, predictive value appears to depend on the nature of the test and the job being tested for. Puppies with extreme scores will likely present challenges because of behavioral tendencies but, since many of the assumptions to the puppy's reaction are not based on natural dog behavior, it could tell what the puppies reaction is to unnatural situations and whether the puppy might need extra socialization. Dr. Coile, breeder, owner and handler of top-winning Salukis recommends that a puppy be chosen using both you head and your heart.

[For more info go to DogWorld, May 2012, pp. 42-45]

Special Interest:

Elaine Lake, long-time Papillon breeder, show competitor, former PCT officer and founding member, recently passed away with her dogs at her side at her home in Tulsa, OK. Although she was handicapped from participating in club activities these past few years, she contributed where she could and maintained her membership throughout the entire time despite progressively deteriorating health. To learn more about Elaine, go the the TulsaPaps Newsletter archives and read about her in Member Focus 2008, Volume 3, Issue 2.

Thanks to Mary Hakel, Lisa Richert, Danae Fayard and Don Colvard, Elaine's five dogs (2 males/3 females) all found homes and were given baths, haircuts, nails trimmed and nice warm beds to sleep in. Donations in Elaine's name for the Rescue fund are to be sent to Treasurer Danae Fayard.



Elaine Lake is pictured here with Rascal, her veteran Papillon.

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Upcoming Events . . .

The two Tulsa Specialties will be held early on May 24th at the Expo Center, like the last two years.

The Papillon Club of Tulsa will be having their **Membership meeting on Saturday at Te Kei's, 1616 S. Utica Ave. at 5:00 p.m.** Everyone seemed to enjoy this get together last year. It gave everyone time to unwind and visit with old and new friends.

On the Road: Christmas in January

This year's 2011 Christmas Social was held in January 15 at Marilyn Iliff's home in Owasso, OK due to conflicts in dog show scheduling and what a lovely time we all had. She had facilities for the puppies to practice confirmation and Don Colvard announced that there would be eight-week classes available so everyone could get their puppies ready for the Claremore shows.



Marilyn Iliff stirs the pot and get puts the final touches on the meal while Katherine compares notes about the seasonings.

Marilyn Iliff also shows Poms and Ed and Yolanda Lamb and Barbara McClure were totally entertained by them.



Mary Hakel and Don Colvard double checking plans for the meeting.



It was hard for Pierre Auger to be serious when Katherine has to have her picture taken.



Top right: Don and Marilyn Bauer show off their winner's plaque. There were brass plates for each champions.



Top left: Marilyn Bauer questions her skill at opening this package without tearing the paper.

Lower left: Don Bauer, Ed Lamb and Danae Fayard watch Yolanda Lamb helps her papillon fit into her new bed.