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Cascade Animal Hospital
6730 Cascade Road SE
Grand Rapids 49456
7:30 PM

NEXT GENERAL MEETING
February 27th, 2018

Meeting Programs

Many interesting meeting programs are in the works for this year. **Carol Lynn Johnson** brings great refreshments for the general meetings. Last month's program featured AKC Field Representative Sandra D'Andrea who presented information on all the AKC title programs and the new pilot programs. Audience participation was wonderful. Sandra answered a ton of questions.

Kim Selbee of Woodland Veterinary Clinic will present a program on "Canine Conditioning," which can benefit not only the competitive athlete, but also the family pet as well. Learn some simple steps and exercises to improve our dogs' health and keep them in prime condition. Rehabilitation is the use of therapeutic exercises combined with additional modalities to improve the recovery of patients with both acute and chronic conditions. Pets of all ages, sizes and breeds can benefit from rehabilitation. Any pet suffering from chronic pain, arthritis, obesity or muscle weakness can experience an enhanced quality of life as a result of rehabilitation

Pet Expo

Saturday, April 7th and Sunday, April 8th



GRKC will be sharing the booth with the Kent County Sheriff's Canine Unit on both days. We will be promoting purebred dogs, educating the public, and helping the canine unit raise money for the purchase of a dog.

On both days, the canine unit will be doing a presentation in the arena showing the work of their dogs. Lots of help will be needed to man the booth. Can you help out?

Continue to send me photos of your dogs to use in the booth display. Candid shots are wonderful. Contact me at londonfarms@charter.net.



Message From The President

Mystery creates wonder, and wonder is the basis of man's desire to understand. -Neil Armstrong

Just as she was about to finish the arduous task of sorting through the many boxes of memorabilia from her mother's attic, Laura found it! Carefully preserved in a plastic envelope for over 50 years --- a purple "Winners" ribbon from the Grand Rapids Kennel Club Dog Show held on November 2, 1946! She knew of no one in her family who had ever shown dogs, but she couldn't imagine her mother keeping it all those years unless it held a special memory for her. When she checked with all her elderly family members, no one recalled anyone in the family ever showing dogs, though they said her mother and great uncles had once had some "prized hunting dogs". "I guess it will remain one of those many mysteries I will continue to wonder about", Laura wrote. "In the meantime, it's good to know it has returned to its original home and will be part of your club's archives."

Yes, Laura Lohr (Holland, MI) thoughtfully contacted me when she found the ribbon and returned it to our club. I brought it to the January meeting where those of you in attendance were able to see it and imagine what our club's show might have been like over 50 years ago. Though just a "mysterious" ribbon, it's tangible evidence of our club's long-time proud history and someone's special memory. Just like exhibitors of 50 years ago, dog shows continue to make memories for us today. What do you think? Might someone discover a "mysterious" show ribbon in your boxes of treasurers 50 years from now?

Thanks to everyone who attended the January meeting and enjoyed the enthusiastic presentation of AKC Field Representative Sandra D'Andrea, who shared information about AKC's newest titling programs, judges' qualifications, and answers to members' questions. It was obvious how deeply she cares about dogs, her depth of experience, and how seriously she assumes her responsibilities as an AKC Field Representative. After working at the Novi shows, she stayed in Michigan two extra days, so she could attend our meeting before returning to her home in Buffalo, New York, and she would accept no gratuity for her presentation. We are very fortunate that Sandra is a member of the AKC staff!

The newly elected Board of Directors met on January 30th to plan for the coming year, including committee appointments, calendar of events, programs, and budget. It was a very productive meeting, filled with enthusiasm, and looking forward to an exciting year ahead. In addition to our shows, monthly meetings with educational programs, the Pet Expo, and the sanctioned match, we are investigating the possibility of adding a "Scent Work" trial. Those who attended the November meeting will remember Arlene King's outstanding demonstration of this new AKC titling event and how it was not only interesting to watch but obvious how much dogs of all breeds enjoy the opportunity to use their noses in this activity.

Though the cold, snowy days of winter may seem to drag on, it's encouraging to experience additional minutes of daylight each day; and planning for the spring events makes the time fly by even faster. Be sure to put the Pet Expo on your calendar for April 7th & 8th. Once again, Len is hard at work organizing this important educational outreach event to support responsible pet ownership, and members of the Kent County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit will join us as they did last year. Plan to spend a little time at our booth and experience the positive impact of this annual endeavor first-hand. The premium list information for our May 26th show in Kalamazoo has been submitted to the Show Superintendent ---- another sign that spring is on its way!

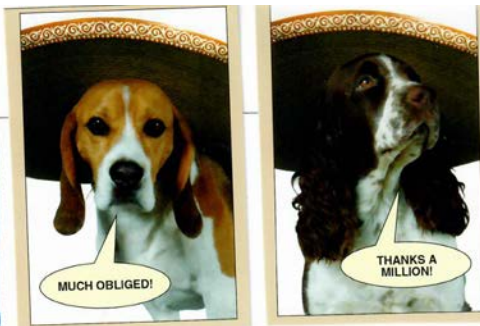
Though the plans for the upcoming February 27th meeting are no mystery, I hope they will create wonder. Kim Selbee of Woodland Veterinary Clinic will present a program on "Canine Conditioning", which can benefit not only the competitive athlete, but also the family pet as well. Learn some simple steps and exercises to improve our dogs' health and keep them in prime condition. Come and transform wonder into understanding.

Sandee

Dear Grand Rapids Kennel Club,

We are greatly honored to have been awarded the club's COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD. Unfortunately we were unable to attend the Christmas party due to Anne's recovering from a very nasty cold that left her feeling exhausted on the day of the party. Still it was touch and go all day as to whether we would attend. When we received Sandy's note notifying us of this award, we were greatly surprised. There are others who deserve the award as much if not more than us. However, we humbly accept it and always will treasure your recognition. The Kennel Club which exists for the benefit of our dogs as well as their owners has been a wonderful diversion for us and provides some catharsis for our love of dogs. Thank you again for this lovely award, and special thanks to those who contribute so very much of their precious time to making the club a vibrant one.

Anne and Richard Horvitz



Pooches gracias!

Sandee + G.R. Kennel Club,
Thank you so much for
your generous gift certificate.
Marco's happen to be one of our
favourite restaurants. It is our
pleasure to offer our facility to
the kennel club and I am
glad it meets your needs.
With much appreciation.
Best Wishes
Buck Siegle

GRKC sent Dr. Siegle a gift card for Marco's American Bistro to express appreciation for the use of the meeting room at CHFA for our club meetings. Sandee received this thank you card from Dr. Siegle in the mail.



December 31, 2017

Ms. Patricia Kronemeyer
Grand Rapids Kennel Club
6530 Myers Lake Ave NE
Rockford, MI 49341-9626

Dear Ms. Kronemeyer:

Thank you for your recent gift of \$1,000.00 to fund much-needed scientific research to help all dogs live longer, healthier lives. We are grateful for your support. To learn more about the exciting canine health research your gift helps make possible, please visit www.akcchf.org/researchportfolio.

In partnership with you, the AKC Canine Health Foundation has awarded funding for groundbreaking studies to address the immediate health needs of dogs and their people, from vaccine research for bone cancer, to personalized medicine for dogs undergoing anesthesia, to finding new ways for our dogs' own immune systems to fight diseases from atopy to cancer.

Due to your support, researchers are currently conducting innovative studies in the areas of canine cancer, cardiac disease, tick-borne disease, epilepsy, gastrointestinal disease, and more. This important work can only happen with you. Your donation to canine health helps build on the important scientific advances in veterinary medicine and biomedical science.

Again, thank you for making a difference.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diane Brown".

Diane E. Brown, DVM, PhD
Chief Executive Officer

A handwritten note in blue ink that reads "Thank you for your generous donation!".

Your donation is tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. In accordance with IRS regulations no goods or services were extended to you in exchange for this charitable contribution. Please retain this letter for your tax purposes. Tax ID# 13-3813813

GRKC Treasurer's Report

PROFIT LOSS STATEMENT Consolidated

		YTD 2018	YTD Budget 2018
	Jan 2018	2018	2018
Income			
Apple Blossom Cluster	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24,000.00
Harvest Cluster Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,000.00
Fundraiser	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Match	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Membership Dues	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$280.00
Total Income	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$45,680.00
Expense			
Advertising and Promotion	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Apple Blossom Cluster	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,000.00
Awards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Club Activities	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Christmas Party	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,800.00
Picnic	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Donation	\$50.00	\$50.00	
KC Sheriff K9	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Fundraiser K9	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Dues and Subscriptions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55.00
Hairy	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Harvest Cluster	-\$30.00	-\$30.00	\$13,000.00
Insurance Expense	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$1,938.00
Match	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00
Club Meeting			
Meeting Program	\$117.18	\$117.18	\$250.00
Meeting Expense -			
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$140.00
Permits & Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Professional Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
Public Ed/Pet Expo/Booth	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Public Ed/Pet Expo/Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Public Ed/Publications	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Sunshine	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Website	\$21.66	\$21.66	\$500.00
Total Expense	\$758.84	\$758.84	\$39,563.00
Net Ordinary Income	-\$708.84	-\$708.84	\$6,117.00
Transfer sav-check	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
Checking balance Nov 30, 2017	\$1,710.24		
Saving balance Nov 30, 2017	\$83,179.24		
Total Cash	\$84,889.48		

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Final Report West Michigan Cluster for GRKC November 2017

CATEGORY	GRKC
INCOME	
Uncategorized	0
Booths	1,225.00
Catalogs	297.5
Club Check	12,948.00
Gate	2,160.00
RV Parking	Type to enter text 2,592.50
TOTAL INCOME	19,223.00
EXPENSES	
Uncategorized	0
Airfare	1,413.51
Camping fee	1,391.25
Clean-Up	475
Gate Attendants	160
Heat Expenses	444.29
Hospitality	2,560.19
Hotel	1,548.73
Judge	5,130.83

Medical	200
Milage	11.47
Misc.	0
Misc. Supplies	7.42
Misc. Rent	180.2
Office	30.72
Phone	54.81
Rally Fee	25
Rent Paid	4,245.00
Security	400.62
Show Fee	30
Specialty Club	107
Start-Up	0
Steward	590
Vet	500
TOTAL EXPENSES	19,506.04
TRANSFERS	
TO 53 savings	-125
TOTAL TRANSFERS	-125
OVERALL TOTAL	-408.04

Using a "U-Turn" to Leave Trouble Behind



Excerpted from [Feisty Fido](#) by Patricia McConnell, Ph.D. and Karen London, Ph.D

A "U-Turn" is a great tool to have in your training repertoire. A U-Turn is exactly what it sounds like: You and your dog are walking forward, and on your cue, you both instantly turn 180 degrees and move in the opposite direction. Your dog turns because he knows your cue means: "Quick! We're going to play the turn-around-really-fast-and-go-the-other-way game!" Your dog doesn't turn because he hits the end of the leash. That would increase the tension and could elicit the very behavior you're trying to avoid. He turns because he knows the game, hears the cue and almost without thinking, wheels away from trouble.

Like Watch, the action itself is simple, but it needs to be mastered to be truly useful. And like Watch, a U-Turn is another behavior that is incompatible with your dog barking, lunging or stiffening. A U-Turn differs from a Watch cue in that you use it when you know your dog will be too aroused to perform a Watch or has already barked or lunged at another dog. The goal of a U-Turn is to get you out of sticky situations, and if you and your dog master both the Watch and the U-Turn, you'll be able to handle most of the situations that life can throw at you.

For more tips and advice on dealing with a leash-reactive dog, [purchase Feisty Fido from Whole Dog Journal](#).

HOUSEHOLD MEDICATIONS FOR PETS

**The following is a list of common household human medications that can be used on pets.

**These medications can be extremely useful if you can't reach a veterinarian immediately.

Product	Common Usage	Canine Dosage	Feline Dosage
Benadryl	Treats allergies, itching, etc.	1/2 mg per lb. Every 8 hours. Maximum Dosage 2 mg per lb.	1/2 mg per lb. Every 8 hours. Maximum Dosage 2 mg per lb.
Buffered Aspirin	Pain relief/anti-inflammatory	5 mg per lb. Every 12 hours.	Not Recommended!
Digel Liquid	Antacid & anti-gas	Up to 4 tbs. Every 8 hours.	Up to 2 tbs. Every 8 hours.
Dramamine	Reduces motion (car) sickness	Up to 50 mg. Every 8 hours.	Up to 10 mg. Every 8 hours.
Epinephrine 1:1000	Treats reactions following medications, insect stings, and bites	1/10 to 1/2 ml. Intramuscular or subcutaneously.	1/10 to 2/10 ml. Intramuscular or subcutaneously.
Hydrogen Peroxide (3%)	Used to induce vomiting after accidental ingestion of poisons.	10 ml by mouth. Every 15 minutes.	10 ml by mouth. Every 15 minutes.
Imodium AD	Relieves diarrhea	1 ml per lb. Every 8 hours.	Not Recommended!
Kaopectate	Relieves diarrhea	1 ml per lb. Every 2 hours.	1 ml per lb. Every 2 hours.
Mineral Oil	Eliminates constipation	Up to 4 tbs. Daily.	Up to 2 tbs. Daily.
Pepto Bismol	Diarrhea, anti-vomiting, gas	1 tsp per 5 lbs. Every 6 hours.	Not Recommended!
Tylenol	DO NOT USE!!!	DO NOT USE!!!	DO NOT USE!!!