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Meeting Date: Wednesday,
April 4, 2018

Time: 6:30p.m.

Location:
Home of Jan Eichensehr
Galena, OH.

**** Please bring an appetizer to share****

2018 Meeting Dates

April 4

May 6 - Health Clinic

June 6

July 11

September 5

October 3

November 7

December Christmas Party TBA

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New Kennel Licensing Bill

by Norma Bennett Woolf

As you know from previous reports, Ohio lawmakers are considering HB 506, a bill to rewrite the states kennel licensing law. The bill passed the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee on March 15 on a party-line vote with eight Republicans in favor and three Democrats against. Next stop is a full House vote, then Senate committee followed by the full Senate. Thanks to AKC, OVMA, the pet industry, and sportsmen, the version of the bill that passed committee contains provisions to protect dogs in the states commercial kennels without harming occasional breeders of show and performance dogs who also sell to consumers.

HB 506 has several provisions that codify the standards of care that exist in current regulations and a major change in the definition of high volume breeder. That definition currently mandates licensing of kennels that produce at least nine litters and sell at least 60 dogs in a year. The new definition changes that requirement to breeders who keep six or more breeding dogs and do at least one of the following:
(1) Sell five or more adult dogs or puppies to a dog retailer or pet store;
(2) Sell forty or more puppies in any given calendar year to the public;
or
(3) Keep more than 60 puppies that are less than six months of age if they have been bred and maintained at the kennel.

It also redefines breeding dogs as fertile, unspayed dogs that are more than 12 months of age and are primarily used for producing offspring, thus allowing for show and performance dog breeders and handlers who may keep six or more intact dogs primarily to show, hunt, or train for performance events or sports and secondarily to produce occasional litters. (emphasis added).

The method for figuring the size of primary confinement units is another major change from the original bill. The new language applies the USDA formula using a multiple of dog length and height, not dog weight, to determine the appropriate size of a primary enclosure. HB 506 also includes standards of care ranging from indoor and outdoor housing specifications for flooring, temperature, and light; nutrition and vet care; breeding and whelping practices; and requirements for exercise, enrichment, and socialization.

More will be coming as the bill proceeds.

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Will the Labrador Retriever Become the State Dog of Ohio?

Republican Representative Jeffery Rezabek of Clayton, Oh is sponsoring HB 539.

The bill as introduced:

A B I L L

To enact section 5.035 of the Revised Code to designate the Labrador Retriever as the official state dog.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 5.035 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 5.035 . The dog commonly known as the labrador retriever is the official state dog .

At this time the bill has been referred to committee. If enacted it would make Ohio the 13th state to name a state dog.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) come out in opposition to the proposal to designate the Labrador Retriever as the official state dog. PETA argues that the bill will entice puppy mills to produce them in large numbers. The Columbus Dispatch reports that PETA says it believes the measure should be amended to include mutts or shelter dogs.

A HEART TO HEART ABOUT YOUR PUP'S HEART

By Hannah Beers

HEART DISEASE: EARLY DETECTION IS KEY We hear about the risks and dangers heart disease poses to human lives all the time, but did you know that forms of heart disease could also impact your dog? Heart disease—a broad term that encompasses multiple diagnoses—is a very common disease in dogs and increases in prevalence with age, according to Dr. Jordan Vitt, a veterinary cardiologist who recently joined the University of Illinois Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Urbana. He explains how this potentially devastating malady affects the canine population and offers tips on early detection.

“The most commonly acquired form of heart disease in dogs is known as chronic degenerative valve disease,” says Dr. Vitt. “While we don’t yet know all of the underlying mechanisms that cause degenerative valve disease to occur, we do know there are genetic components to the disease. We know that certain breeds, especially those that weigh less than 40 pounds, are at higher risk of developing degenerative valve disease. However, it is important to note that nearly all older dogs will develop some degree of valvular degeneration leading to a heart murmur.” In chronic degenerative valve disease, the valves that separate the chambers of the heart break down over time and cause the valves to leak or “regurgitate.” This regurgitation or valve leak leads to development of a heart murmur, which can be heard with a stethoscope. In some dogs, this regurgitation can cause the heart to become very enlarged, putting the dogs at a high risk of congestive heart failure, a life-threatening condition.

Annual Exams Catch Murmurs Early The first signs typically noted by owners include difficulty breathing and coughing, sometimes accompanied by lethargy or a decreased appetite. “Unfortunately, by the time these symptoms are evident, patients are already in the advanced stages of heart disease. Respiratory distress generally means that the dog is in heart failure and needs treatment,” Dr. Vitt explains. “The effectiveness of treatment is much greater when you catch the disease at an early stage,” he says. “Your veterinarian will listen for murmurs during your dog’s yearly physical examination.” If a murmur is detected, Dr. Vitt advises taking radiographs (X-rays) of the dog’s chest to determine whether there is heart enlargement. An echocardiogram (ultrasound of the heart) by a veterinary cardiologist is recommended for dogs with an enlarged heart; a recent study showed that early intervention with medication can prolong the lifetime of dogs with enlarged hearts.

Diagnosis of a heart murmur should also prompt your veterinarian to check your dog for high blood pressure, which can worsen the valve leak. Annual X-rays and blood pressure readings will allow your veterinarian to monitor changes in your dog’s heart condition. Approximately 30 percent of patients with heart enlargement from valvular degeneration will progress to clinical signs of congestive heart failure, typically within two years.

“This is why it is so important to get your pet checked every year,” explains Dr. Vitt. “The sooner we detect signs of valvular disease, the sooner we can intervene with medical management, allowing the patient to have a better quality of life.”

Heart Disease App for Owners

Owners can monitor their pet’s heart health each week at home by measuring his or her breathing rate while sleeping. If the rate is over 35 breaths per minute, or there is a greater than 25 percent increase in the baseline breathing rate, the pet may be developing congestive heart failure and should be seen by a veterinarian as soon as

possible. Dr. Vitt recommends a free app called “Your Dog’s Heart,” which reminds owners to check their dog’s respiration rate weekly and tracks the data collected.

For dogs with enlarged hearts, medications, usually in the form of daily pills, are available to delay the progression of disease. X-rays, a blood pressure reading, and auscultation (listening to the dog’s heart) should be repeated every six months to monitor the disease and the effectiveness of the medication. Surgery to repair damage to the heart valves can be done in people, but this procedure is not yet readily available for dogs. Recent studies show certain medications can delay the progression of the disease, but there is no way to reverse the damage already done. “The best thing you can do for your dog in regard to heart disease is to catch the problem as soon as it starts,” says Dr. Vitt. By Hannah Beers

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Down ‘n Back

**Captain Nick’s Rogue Wave
CABTC Spring Classic
3/11/18**

Qualified Novice Obedience
2nd place
Owner: Christine Nickerson

**Captain Nick’s Rogue Wave
CABTC Spring Classic
3/11/18**

Qualified Rally Advance Obedience
4th place
Owner: Christine Nickerson



COLRC All-Breed Eye, Heart & Paw Print Genetics Clinic

Please note we have a new location and a new weekend!!!

Sunday, May 6, 2018

Don Mann DVM Veterinary Clinic

5110 Cheshire Road (at the intersection of Cheshire and Africa Roads)
Galena, OH 43021

For directions, go to their website at <https://mannvetclinic.com/>, go to the menu, then "Contact Us" page. You can put in your address and get directions to the clinic.

Due to the recent canine influenza outbreak we are requiring that dogs stay in owner's vehicle until exam please.

****For questions, directions or cancellations DAY OF CLINIC ONLY, call Jennifer Stotts at 740-819-1607 or the clinic at 740-548-6669. If you are not coming, be considerate of others and let us know!!!!****

Eye Exam Clinic

Anne Gemensky Metzler, DVM, MS, Diplomate ACVO

NOTE: Scheduling by appointment only: 8:00-4:00; OFA forms will be provided which are accepted by CERF and OFA

Exam cost: \$40 per dog/\$7 additional charge for breeds that must be examined before and after dilation

(Australian Shepherd, Basenji, Mastiff, Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Dalmation)

There is a discount for litters – call or email for info on pricing.

Contact: Jennifer Stotts – shannonlabradors@yahoo.com or 740-828-2657

HEART Clinic

Karsten Schober, DVM, PhD, Diplomate ACVIM (Cardiology)

Note: Scheduling by appointment only: 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Auscultation Exam cost: \$40

The doctor will bring OFA forms for owners to submit if desired.

PLEASE NOTE: OFA WILL NOT REGISTER HEART FORMS FOR DOGS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE

CONTACT: Jennifer Stotts – shannonlabradors@yahoo.com or 740-828-2657

Paw Print Genetics discounted testing

Any test submitted through our clinic to Paw Print Genetics will be discounted 30% and any full breed panel test will be discounted 45%. Please visit www.pawprintgenetics.com to see what tests are available for your breed. Testing can be done with cheek swabs provided at our clinic. Owners will be required to swab their own dogs with assistance. Ordering may be done day of clinic or in advance online, but we suggest doing it in advance if possible. **Use discount code OHIOK918 April 15 through May 6, 2018. IF PRE-ORDERING PLEASE CHOOSE THE 'NO SHIPPING' OPTION AT THE TIME OF CHECK-OUT BECAUSE SWABS WILL BE DONE AT THE CLINIC.** Code not valid on previous orders, cannot be combined with other offers and excludes Parentage and DNA Profiling.

CONTACT: Jennifer Stotts – shannonlabradors@yahoo.com or 740-828-2657 to schedule so we have an approximate number.

NOTE: COLRC can accept credit cards with a 3% fee.

This health clinic is sponsored by The Central Ohio Labrador Retriever Club (www.colrc.com)

General COLRC Information



The **UNLEASHED!** is a publication by and for the members of the **Central Ohio Labrador Retriever Club** and others interested in the betterment of the sport and advancement of cooperative communication within the Labrador community and the dog fancy.

The articles and information contained in this publication have been deemed by the editor to be of interest to our readers but do not necessarily reflect the beliefs or the opinions of the editor or COLRC members. Reader input is actively solicited.

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Dues are \$25 annually for a single membership and \$40 for a joint membership. Business cards will be placed on the COLRC website for the year at a cost of \$50 for members and non-members.

Club members who wish to utilize the Litter Listing Column of the newsletter and website will be required to pay \$50 per litter listing unless they have worked at two of our three club events during the course of the year.

Meetings General meetings shall take place the first Wednesday of every month unless otherwise noted.

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