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Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday, April 4, 2012

Time: 6:30

Location:

TBA

Meeting Dates

March 11 - Health Clinic

April 4

May 6 - Puppy Match

June 4

July 11

September 4

October 3

November 7

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I used to look at my dog and think, "If you were a little smarter, you could tell me what you're thinking," and he'd look at me like he was saying, "If you were a little smarter, I wouldn't have to."

- Fred Jungclau

COLRC Health Clinic

Sunday March 11

The clinic appointment times are starting to fill up. If members want a set appointment, please contact me as soon as possible. If you are working and willing to just work your dogs in as time permits, no need to schedule. I will be in touch with those who volunteered to help regarding a schedule.

Our first appointments are at 8 sharp!

Jennifer



Blastomycoses: A Fungus Among Us

*By Kim Marie Labak
Information Specialist*

When your dog is coughing and has a fever, it could have pneumonia. Unbeknownst to many, pneumonia is not caused only by bacteria and viruses it can also be caused by fungi from the environment. *Blastomyces dermatitidis*, or "Blasto," is a disease-causing fungus that can cause skin and respiratory infections in dogs, humans, and occasionally cats. In some individuals it can spread to infect other organ systems.

Blasto is natural part of environment. According to Dr. Thomas Graves, veterinary internist at the University of Illinois Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Urbana, it is very common in acidic soils of the Midwest and central south. The fungus exists as a mold in the environment and becomes a yeast at body temperature.

According to Dr. Karen Campbell, a veterinary internist and veterinary dermatologist at the teaching hospital, animals can get infected only by direct contact with mold spores: spores can be inhaled or enter through broken skin when a person or animal rolls in contaminated soil. An infected animal cannot spread the disease, since the yeast form is not contagious.

Signs of blasto infection depend on the body system infected. The three forms of blastomycosis--cutaneous, respiratory, and disseminated--often occur at the same time.

Cutaneous infection appears as skin lesions, resulting from spores entering the skin directly through a sore or cut or as part of a disseminated infection that originated in the lungs. The lesions are very itchy and wet. Although these infections can stay contained, according to Dr. Campbell, they can seriously damage nearby muscle and bone tissue if untreated.

The most life-threatening (and most common) form of blasto is pneumonia, since respiratory infection, if left untreated, can lead to severe inflammation of the lungs and eventual death. As with other respiratory diseases, infected dogs often cough, lose their appetite, become lethargic, and have difficulty breathing.

In some individuals, especially those with weakened immunity, the respiratory infection can disseminate to the kidneys, eyes, or skin, and occasionally the spinal cord and brain.

Blastomycosis is very treatable with antifungal drugs, and improvement is usually seen within a few days, but the treatment can take a long time (up to six months) and gets expensive. Treatment is most effective when the disease is caught early, however, so proper treatment requires proper diagnosis.

Dr. Graves explains that when an animal is misdiagnosed with a bacterial infection and receives antibiotics, the fungal infection is allowed to progress, and by the time the animal is properly diagnosed with blasto, it may be too late, especially in pneumonia cases.

He explains that the best way to diagnose blasto is to look for *blastomyces* organisms in the body. Discharge from a skin wound can be swabbed, the trachea or lungs can be rinsed with saline, or fluid from organs such as lymph nodes can be extracted with needle; these fluids can be then examined under a microscope to identify blasto yeast cells.

Blasto is more common in larger dogs, males, young dogs, and sporting and hunting breeds. Dr. Campbell and Dr. Graves suspect that these correlations may be due to

Blasto continued

certain behaviors, since these dogs may spend more time outdoors, sniffing soil. Disease signs may not show until 5 to 12 weeks after exposure to blasto.

While blasto infection is virtually impossible to prevent since the fungus is a natural part of the environment--"You can't ask people to keep their dogs indoors all the time," says Dr. Graves--blastomycosis can be overcome if diagnosed and treated early.

For more information about blastomycosis, consult your veterinarian.

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Down n' Backs

Captain Nick's Beam Reach

Erie Kennel Club

1/28/2012

Winner's Dog

Owners: Christine & Paul Nickerson

Captain Nick's Sundel Sloop

Medina Swarm CPE Agility

1/28 & 29

Qualified 4 of 4 runs

Owners: Christine & Paul Nickerson

Captain Nick's Jolly Roger

Medina Swarm CPE Agility

1/28 & 29

Qualified 6 of 8 runs

Owners: Christine & Paul Nickerson

Captain Nick's Winch Grinder

Medina Swarm CPE Agility

1/28 & 29

Qualified 2 of 2 runs

2 first places

Owners: Christine & Paul Nickerson

Captain Nick's Winch Grinder

Toledo Kennel Club

2/10/12

Rally Advanced Obedience Title

Owners: Christine & Paul Nickerson

Captain Nick's Beam Reach

Toledo Kennel Club

2/10/12

Rally Advanced Obedience First Leg

Owners: Christine & Paul Nickerson

Down 'n Backs Continued

Captain Nick's Sundel Sloop

Medina Swarm CPE Agility

2/18 & 19

Qualified 3 of 4 runs

Owners: Christine & Paul Nickerson

Captain Nick's Jolly Roger

Medina Swarm CPE Agility

2/18 & 19

Qualified 3 of 5 runs

Owners: Christine & Paul Nickerson

Captain Nick's Winch Grinder

Medina Swarm CPE Agility

2/18 & 19

Qualified 4 of 4 runs

3 first places New Title CL1-R

Owners: Christine & Paul Nickerson

Reminder: Newsletter Policy for Litter Listings

Members wishing 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.

The three club events are defined as the health clinic in March, the puppy match in May and the specialty in October. There are many jobs to be completed before, during and after each of these events.



COLRC All-Breed OptiGen, CERF & Heart Clinic

Sunday, March 11, 2012

**Refugee Canyon West
Boarding Kennel/Veterinary Clinic
9077 National Road (State route 40, east of Columbus)
Pataskala, OH 43063
(see map on back)**

******For questions, directions or cancellations day of clinic, call Jennifer Stotts at 740-819-1607 or the clinic at 740-964-2401. If you are not coming, be considerate of others and let us know!!!******

CERF Clinic

Anne Gemensky Metzler, DVM, MS, Diplomate ACVO (OSU)

NOTE: Scheduling by appointment only: 8:00-4:00

Exam cost: \$32 per dog/

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

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

OptiGen Clinic

On-site blood draw times – 9:30 A.M. -1:30 P.M.

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

Please register your dog in advance online at www.optigen.com for a 5% discount and to get paper work. There is an additional 20% discount for participating in this clinic, if you use the discount code below. Bring the confirmation form to the clinic to be shipped with the blood sample. There will be a \$10 charge for the on-site blood draw.

Clinic discount code: COLRC123 and it will be
available from 2/25/12 to 3/12/12.

HEART Clinic

Karsten Schober, DVM, PhD, Assistant Professor Cardiology, OSU

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

Exam cost: \$40

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

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

NOTE: COLRC can accept credit cards this year with a \$2 fee.

Coming Events

Western Pennsylvania Kennel Association, Inc.	AB/JSHW	Monroeville, PA	Sat 03/31/2012	Closes: Wed 03/14
Western Pennsylvania Kennel Association, Inc.	AB/JSHW	Monroeville, PA	Sun 04/01/2012	Closes: Wed 03/14
Saginaw Valley Kennel Club	AB/O/JSHW	Birch Run, MI	Sat 04/07/2012	Closes: Wed 03/21
Saginaw Valley Kennel Club	AB/JSHW	Birch Run, MI	Sun 04/08/2012	Closes: Wed 03/21
Terre Haute Kennel Club, Inc.	AB/O/JSHW	Terre Haute, IN	Sat 04/21/2012	Closes: Wed 04/04
Central Ohio Kennel Club	AB/O/JSHW	Columbus, OH	Sun 04/22/2012	Closes: Wed 04/04
Labrador Retriever Club Of The Potomac	S/O/JSHW/SWPC/RLY	Frederick, MD	Tue 04/10/2012	Closes: Wed 03/28
Labrador Retriever Club Of The Potomac	S/O/JSHW/SWPC/RLY	Frederick, MD	Wed 04/11/2012	Closes: Wed 03/28
Labrador Retriever Club Of The Potomac	S/O/JSHW/SWPC/RLY	Frederick, MD	Thu 04/12/2012	Closes: Wed 03/28
Labrador Retriever Club Of The Potomac	S/O/JSHW/SWPC/RLY	Frederick, MD	Fri 04/13/2012	Closes: Wed 03/28
Harrisburg Kennel Club, Inc.	AB/O/JSHW	Harrisburg, PA	Sat 04/14/2012	Closes: Wed 03/28
Mason And Dixon Kennel Club	AB/JSHW	Harrisburg, PA	Sun 04/15/2012	Closes: Wed 03/28
Labrador Retriever Club Of Southern California	S/O/SWPC	Anaheim, CA	Fri 04/27/2012	Closes: Wed 04/11
Labrador Retriever Club Of Southern California	S/O/JSHW/SWPC	Anaheim, CA	Sat 04/28/2012	Closes: Wed 04/11
Fort St. Clair Kennel Club	AB/JSHW	Eaton, OH	Sat 04/28/2012	Closes: Wed 04/11
Progressive Dog Club Of Wayne County, Inc.	AB/O/JSHW	Birch Run, MI	Sat 04/28/2012	Closes: Wed 04/11
Progressive Dog Club Of Wayne County, Inc.	AB/O/JSHW	Birch Run, MI	Sun 04/29/2012	Closes: Wed 04/11
Fort St. Clair Kennel Club	AB/JSHW	Eaton, OH	Sun 04/29/2012	Closes: Wed 04/11

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.

Please address or email all articles, announcements, comments and suggestions to newsletter@colrc.com. Unleashed is published ten to twelve times per year. Closing for each issue is the 20th day of the month prior to publication.

Dues are \$30 annually for a single membership and \$50 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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Canine Behavior Workshop

By [Marie Goodwin](#) | Published: February 21, 2012



Dianna Stearns, M.A., Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed, and Certified Dog Behavior Consultant

Dianna Stearns is coming from Denver, Colorado to give a workshop on Canine Behavior Saturday March 3rd from 6 to 9PM. Dianna is a Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed, and Certified Dog Behavior Consultant and founding member of the International Association on Animal Behavior Consultants.

Dianna also serves as a trainer and behavior consultant for Safe Harbor Lab Rescue, Western Border Collie Rescue, Friends of Retired Greyhounds and Rocky Mountain Great Dane Rescue. Dianna is an American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen Evaluator, and has provided public access training for The North Star Foundation, which places companion dogs in families with children on the Autism spectrum, and the Huntington Foundation, which places seizure alert dogs. Dianna is the co-founder, and currently serves as President, of the American Treibball Association.

If you would like to learn how to read your dog's body language, know when your dog is stressed by understanding canine body language, or just want to learn how to use this knowledge to train your dog more effectively, this workshop is for you.

The workshop is for humans only. The workshop will also include handouts, slides and videos.

[Click here to register.](#)

AGILITY AND RALLY FOR FUN
HANDLING AND PROBLEM SOLVING WORKSHOPS
PRESENTED BY BUD HOUSTON
MAY 5 AND 6, 2012



REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF ARF? YES NO TELEPHONE # _____

- SELECT ONE: WORKING TEAM @ \$125 (ARF Members) Novice/Open May 5, 2012
 WORKING TEAM @ \$125 (ARF Members) Excellent May 6, 2012
 WORKING TEAM @ \$145 (Non-members) Novice/Open May 5, 2012
 WORKING TEAM @ \$145 (Non-members) Excellent May 6, 2012
 AUDITING SPOT @ \$40 Novice/Open Excellent
 PLEASE DEDUCT \$20 FOR REGISTERING FOR WORKING SPOTS BOTH DAYS (same or different dogs)

WORKING DOG'S NAME (S) _____

BREED _____ AGE _____

In consideration of my participation in this workshop sponsored by Agility and Rally for Fun, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Agility and Rally for Fun LLC, the owner of the training center at 1000 Morrison Road, and all other persons connected or associated with this seminar from any claim or loss or injury to myself, my dog or my possessions which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly by any of the above mentioned while on this property. I personally assume all responsibility and liability for any claims regarding theft, accident, injury, and death or otherwise alleged to be caused by negligence of the above mentioned.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE SUBMITTED: _____

Please complete this registration form and mail to Susie Thomas, 8609 North Spring Court NW, Pickerington, OH 43147. Checks for the registration fee should be made payable to ARF and must be included with the registration form.

Cancellation Policy: Workshop registrations may be cancelled any time prior to April 27, 2012. A refund will be issued for working spots if the spot can be filled by someone else.

Bud Houston Handling and Problem Solving Seminar

Agility and Rally Obedience



HANDLING AND PROBLEM SOLVING WORKSHOPS

PRESENTED BY BUD HOUSTON

**NOVICE/OPEN HANDLERS: INTRODUCTION TO OBSTACLE DISCRIMINATION
AND DISTANCE WORK (MAY 5, 2012)**

**EXCELLENT/ADVANCED HANDLERS: MASTERING OBSTACLE DISCRIMINATION
AND DISTANCE WORK (MAY 6, 2012)**

Agility and Rally for Fun is pleased to welcome Bud Houston back to the ARF Dog Training Center, 1000 Morrison Road, Suite I, Gahanna, Ohio 43230. Bud will be presenting two handling and problem solving workshops. The May 5 workshop from 12:30-8:30 will be for dogs working at the novice or open (or equivalent) levels. The May 6 workshop from 8:00-4:00 will be for dogs working at the excellent or equivalent level.

Bud has been doing agility since its creation in the USA. He has earned multiple championships on multiple breeds and dogs, and has run both "slow" and "fast" dogs. Bud has been instructing agility since 1990 and is a big proponent of solid foundation training. Bud focuses on a positive atmosphere that allows the dog to learn and work with the utmost confidence. He seeks to bring out the BEST IN YOUR DOG, and the BEST IN YOU while working together as a TEAM.

These workshops will focus on understanding the dog's path and the presentation of two obstacle choices in close proximity; handling tools for solving the discrimination; and dog training skills for solving discrimination riddles. Bud will also work with handlers on training the dog in foundation skills that will enable the handler to set up for winning handling strategies, including distance work.

Seminar fees are listed on the attached registration form. We are pleased to offer a discount to ARF members and participants wishing to register for both workshops.

Each working session is limited to 12 working teams. Unlimited auditors will be accepted.

Facility is heated and air conditioned. Flooring is rubber matting over play mats, a great working surface for handlers and dogs.

Please contact Susie Thomas (susiethomas@insight.rr.com or 614-501-0114) if you have any questions.

REGISTRATION FORM ATTACHED