



UNLEASHED

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Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 2

Location: Bruno's Pizza

1774 E. Dublin Granville Rd (NW corner of Rt. 161 & Sharon Woods Blvd)
Columbus, OH 43229

Time 6:00 until we are done

They have a great Italian menu with all of your favorites and maybe some things that you have never had before, plus plenty of cold beverages.

2011 Meeting Dates

March 13—*Eye/Health Clinic*

April 6—*TBA*

May—*Puppy Match: Saturday, May 7*

June 1—*Jan Eichensehr's home
bring dogs*

September 7

October 5

November 2

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PREZNOTES:

"When a dog barks at the moon, then it is religion, but when he barks at strangers, it is patriotism!"

-David Starr Jordan

Since it's President's Day and I am once again late in sending this missive to Christine, I thought this quirky quote was a little thematic, with the patriotism reference.

One way or another, we are meeting on March 2. We've had to change the meeting date from February, and the location several times, but barring some unforeseen circumstance, we will be meeting at Bruno's at 6 P.M. on March 2. We haven't had a meeting since November so there are many areas that need addressed.

The health clinic is set for March 13, and appointment times are filling up fast for CERF's. I will have a schedule for people to sign up to work at the health clinic in four hour shifts. Steve LaVelle has offered to be there to handle the money all day which makes me ecstatic as that is the part I detest. We need someone to be stationed at the entrance to the clinic rooms that can keep people moving, hold dogs, work dogs in and out of the CERF clinic and keep people relatively quiet outside the heart clinic. Jan and Dennis will be doing drops but we may need one other person for that job. I will man the entrance where people get their forms and fill them out, and pay, but ideally, I could use a second person there. If you are able to work part or all of a shift that would be fantastic. I am going to ask that those who work not bring dogs of their own in while working as we have a lot of congestion at times anyway. Our goal this year is to not make anyone wait a ridiculous amount of time like last year and to keep people moving.

Susan and Steve have been working diligently behind the scenes to get things in order for our designated specialty and supported entry this fall. As per usual, they have encountered a few hitches along the way, but they are moving along. They will be circulating a sign up sheet for trophies at the meeting and updating the membership on any other items relative to the specialty.

We also have a puppy match in May and there may be a few details to take care of for that. Also we

Prez Notes Cont:

need to revisit the issue of meeting locations. I think we will still utilize the Animal Hospital of Worthington for a meeting and then once the weather gets nice, maybe we can get to some members' houses where we can bring dogs.

Lastly, if you haven't paid your dues they are PAST DUE. Please get those paid prior to the March meeting: \$50 for family membership and \$30 for individual.

So, I would tell you to get out and enjoy the weather, but we are in Ohio and February so I will amend that to try to survive the mud and wiping dog paws off! See you at the meeting.

- Jennifer

NEW POLICY EFFECTIVE FOR THE JUNE NEWSLETTER

Those 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.

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. For example, a person could be show secretary for the match and help coordinate people at the health clinic or make food for the specialty hospitality and organize and be in charge of food for the puppy match.

Those are just a couple examples but there are many opportunities of diverse type. We have, like many clubs, found ourselves in a situation where many members do not take an active role in the club and it is getting very difficult to manage the few events we do have with so few participating. We tossed around many ideas but this is one that many other clubs use.

Dog toxic xylitol in gums, mints, desserts...and now drugs

by Dr. Patty Khuly VMD, MBA

I've written about the dog-toxicity of the popular sugar substitute xylitol so often and so fervently that a Google search for "xylitol and dogs" digs up my past posts on the subject among the first several findings. And that's cool. But it's not nearly enough. Indeed, the fact that I'm up there tells me precious few people are getting the news. Which is why I keep trying ...

Yes, xylitol is still killing dogs ... more dogs than ever before. This, despite my efforts and those of like-minded big mouths who seek to inform *all* U.S. consumers that xylitol is a menace to dogdom.

How menacing? A few sugar-free breath fresheners, a pack of gum, a spilled tin of mints, a sugar-free dessert cup. It takes only a little of this toxin to send a dog into hypoglycemia-induced seizures, and just a little bit more to bring on liver failure.

And what's worse is not so much its extreme toxicity ... but its insidiousness.

Let me explain:

Xylitol is a great product. It's a natural extract from the birch tree, and it takes only a little bit of this stuff to sweeten a whole lot. It's therefore less expensive than other sugar substitutes. And it happens to taste better than most of them. Diabetics everywhere can rejoice! The tooth fairy, too.

All of which is why consumer product manufacturers have been slowly and quietly replacing other sweeteners with xylitol ... in everything, not just products that are labeled sugar-free.

And that's the trouble. When I first started writing about xylitol three or four years ago the number of consumer products containing xylitol numbered less than a hundred in the U.S. Moreover, they were largely restricted to the arena of sugar-free gums and foods. Fast-forward to today and the list is way longer and much more diverse. You can find xylitol in everything from Flintstones vitamins to commonly prescribed drugs.

These latter products pose more of a problem for dog owners and veterinarians for a variety of

These products never used to contain xylitol. In fact, I used to recommend Flintstones vitamins for my patients. Now I have to caution my clients to stick to pet-only brands *and* to be very diligent about reading labels. But it took months before I became aware of the change in this brand's ingredients. (So you know, xylitol is included in only a few of the Flintstones formulations, not all.)

What's worse — and even more stressful for veterinarians — is that it's not just common consumer products anymore that we have to watch for. The human versions of drugs, especially the children's elixirs, are now being formulated with xylitol for greater pediatric palatability. Unfortunately, the lower doses in the kids' meds are exactly what some of our smaller animal patients require.

Got a little dog who needs hycodan syrup for a cough, or the bronchodilator theophylline for breathing? Even if you've been getting a drug for months or years as an elixir from the same exact pharmacy, beware. Preparations of these drugs may soon change to reflect the widening market for xylitol as a sweetener.

Case in point: This week I sought to relieve a clients' small dog of back pain associated with recurrent episodes of intervertebral disc disease. In so doing, I prescribed a dog-only non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug, and the smallest dosage of gabapentin (used for both seizures and neurogenic pain) currently formulated. But the pharmacy had run out of the 100 mg capsules, which is why I received a call from the pharmacist to see if I would OK the liquid (elixir) version instead.

Now, I'd like to say I'm always up on every single drug and all the new formulations, but I'm not. It's just too damn much info to consume on a regular basis. I had, however, just read through Plumb's Veterinary Drug Handbook on this exact point: available formulations of gabapentin. And guess what? Some commercially prepared versions of liquid gabapentin have xylitol in them — and it was one of these very versions my pharmacist was offering.

The same drug I was offering my patient might have killed her had I not known about

the change!

Now, I don't know how much of the elixir it would've taken to send her into seizures, but rest assured, this little dog was already getting the high end of the drug's dose, so I think I'm justified in fearing the worst for other dogs all over the country whose pharmacists don't make the call (it happens all the time), or whose veterinarians haven't yet heard of the dangers pediatric elixirs now pose to animals.

Does this shock you?

It should. It *terrifies* me.

Dr. Patty Khuly VMD, MBA.

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PetMD

Fully Vetted...a veterinary blog for pet lovers & pet voyeurs

URL:

[http://www.petmd.com/blogs/fullyvetted/2011/feb/xylitol now in drugs](http://www.petmd.com/blogs/fullyvetted/2011/feb/xylitol%20now%20in%20drugs)

FDA is Warning Pet Owners on the Dangers of Xylitol Ingestion in Dogs and Ferrets

February 18, 2011

The Food and Drug Administration is cautioning consumers about the risks associated with the accidental consumption of xylitol by dogs and ferrets. Xylitol is a sugar alcohol approved for use in many common products, including sugar-free baked goods, candy, oral hygiene products, and chewing gum. FDA is Warning Pet Owners on the Dangers of Xylitol Ingestion in Dogs and Ferrets.

Xylitol can be found in many over-the-counter drugs such as chewable vitamins and throat lozenges and sprays. It can also be purchased in bulk bags for use in home baking. These products are intended only for human use.

FDA is aware of complaints involving dogs that experienced illness associated with the accidental consumption of xylitol. Xylitol is safe for humans but it can be harmful to dogs and ferrets.

FDA is advising consumers to always read the label on products and to not presume that a product that is safe for humans is safe for your pet.

The FDA reports included clinical signs such as a sudden drop in blood sugar (hypoglycemia), seizures and liver failure. If you suspect your pet has ingested xylitol, some signs to look for are depression, loss of coordination and vomiting. The signs of illness may occur within minutes to days of ingesting xylitol. Owners should consult their veterinarian or pet poison control center immediately for advice if they know or suspect that their pet has ingested a human product containing xylitol.

Consumers who wish to report animal illness, please contact the FDA consumer complaint coordinator¹ in your state.

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<http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/NewsEvents/VMUpdates/ucm244076.htm>

Litter Listings

CH Tullamores Toblerone

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Ch SunDel's Beaday Present

Yellows due March 2, 2011

Contact Steve LaVelle

740-524-5227

Email: sundellabs@sundel-labradors.com

Website: www.sundel-labradors.com

At this time, COLRC Unleashed! Does not require listing of CERF or OFA information for Litter Box Listings. All breeders are encouraged to have hips and eyes certified on all breeding stock and to provide this information in litter listings. COLRC Unleashed! does not represent any litter listing as meeting any type of breeder's code or standard. Ask the breeder when inquiring about dogs listed.

Down n' Backs

Devanley Captain Nick's

Viking Princess Sela RN

Erie Kennel Club

1/30/2011

Reserve Winners Bitch

Owner: Christine Nickerson

Captain Nick's Beam Reach

Medina Swarm Agility Club

2/20/2011

Fullhouse CPE Agility Q

Owners: Paul & Christine Nickerson

Captain Nick's SunDel Sloop CD, RE, TDI

Medina Swarm CPE Agility Trial

2/19 & 20/2011

3 CPE Agility Qs

Owners: Paul & Christine Nickerson

Captain Nick's Jolly Roger CD, RE, TDI

Medina Swarm CPE Agility Trial

2/19 & 20/2011

5 CPE Agility Qs

Owners: Paul & Christine Nickerson



Coming Events

Show	Location	Show Date	Closing
Western Pennsylvania Kennel Association, Inc.	Monroeville, PA	04/02/11	03/16/11
Western Pennsylvania Kennel Association, Inc.	Monroeville, PA	04/03/11	03/16/11
Saginaw Valley Kennel Club OBED	Birch Run, MI	04/08/11	03/23/11
Saginaw Valley Kennel Club RALLY	Birch Run, MI	04/08/11	03/23/11
Saginaw Valley Kennel Club BREED/OBED	Birch Run, MI	04/09/11	03/23/11
Saginaw Valley Kennel Club BREED	Birch Run, MI	04/10/11	03/23/11
Saginaw Valley Kennel Club RALLY	Birch Run, MI	04/10/11	03/23/11
Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac B/O	Frederick, MD	04/12/11	03/30/11
Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac RALLY	Frederick, MD	04/12/11	03/30/11
Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac RALLY	Frederick, MD	04/13/11	03/30/11
Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac OBED 2	Frederick, MD	04/13/11	03/30/11
Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac RALLY	Frederick, MD	04/14/11	03/30/11
Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac OBED 3	Frederick, MD	04/14/11	03/30/11
Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac OBED 4	Frederick, MD	04/15/11	03/30/11
Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac RALLY	Frederick, MD	04/15/11	03/30/11
Associated Specialty Clubs of Central Ohio	Columbus, OH	04/23/11	04/06/11
Central Ohio Kennel Club OBED	Columbus, OH	04/23/11	04/06/11
Central Ohio Kennel Club, Inc. RALLY	Columbus, OH	04/23/11	04/06/11
Central Ohio Kennel Club BREED/OBED	Columbus, OH	04/24/11	04/06/11
Central Ohio Kennel Club, Inc. RALLY	Columbus, OH	04/24/11	04/06/11
Progressive Dog Club of Wayne County, Inc.	Birch Run, MI	04/30/11	04/13/11
Fort St. Clair Kennel Club	Eaton, OH	04/30/11	04/13/11
Progressive Dog Club of Wayne County, Inc.	Birch Run, MI	05/01/11	04/13/11
Fort St. Clair Kennel Club	Eaton, OH	05/01/11	04/13/11

Health Clinic, Sunday, March 13. See flyer

Puppy Match, Saturday, May 7.



COLRC All-Breed OptiGen, CERF & Heart Clinic

Sunday, March 13, 2010

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

For questions, directions or cancellations day of clinic, call Jennifer Stotts at
740-819-1607 or the clinic at 740-964-240.

****If you are not coming, be considerate of others and let us know!!!****

CERF Clinic - expanded time this year – less waiting

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

Note: Scheduling by appointment only: 8:00am - 5:00pm

Exam cost: \$30 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 – 9:00am -1:30pm

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. Additional information regarding optigen can be found on their website.

Clinic discount code: COLRXi313 to be active from 2/28-3/13/11.

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

HEART Clinic

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

Note: Scheduling by appointment only: 9:00am – 3:00pm.

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

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General COLRC Information

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

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