

KerryNotes

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From the Editor....

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Unfortunately, the summer is almost over. And what a busy summer it has been for the KBTCC. We hosted the Kerry Blue National Specialty in June that was a huge success. I went to personally thank everyone who volunteered in some way. Without volunteers our club will cease to exist, so please get involved!

I also want to thank all those who have sent me stuff for the newsletter. I hope everyone enjoys it, and please if you have something to add please tell me. Remember this is YOUR newsletter and without YOUR input it is impossible to do.

What a team effort...

With the Traveling Specialty weekend but a memory today I want to take a moment to thank all the members who over the past several years had given of themselves ensuring an enjoyable and successful event. The planning, prepping, selling, advertising, scouting, mailing, shopping, designing, painting, photography, fundraising, donating, assembly and all the attention to details that we as a club put forth is something we can be proud of. So as we close the books on this year's event we should share in the knowledge that our efforts will be remembered and talked about as a success in the years to come.

Special Thanks Ellen Burrows

Congratulations to:

Tom & Jeanne Rogers

Charles Zuganelis, President KBTCC.

In 1966, Ed and Marie Greene, of Edmareann Kennel, West Virginia, donated our present Best Of Breed Trophy after having retired the previous trophy in 1965. That trophy remained for 40 years. Unbeknownst to us, the KBTCC, one of our very own retired it at our specialty in June. To retire this trophy, one needed to win Best Of Breed three times, not necessarily with the same dog. This coveted trophy could not have gone to a more deserving member(s). This feat was accomplished by Ch. Cordial O'Connell in 2000, Ch Fralin's Na' Pog in 2001, and Ch. Fenian An' Mac in 2006. And of course the owners of the three are Tom and Jeannie Rogers.

This, we want to make clear, is no small feat. Imagine... it had not been done for 40 years! Even with such great kennels as Melbee, Mo Cairde Gael, Ruan, Fralin, Fellbrin, Kearnach, Rathangan, Bluebeard, Glenvista, Blujac, Kerrytrayl and many many more from not only the Chicago Club but from the east and west coasts and Canada that competed in Chicago over the years, this feat had not been accomplished until now!!!

So, we as a club, and as dear friends of Tom and Jeannie Rogers, wish to congratulate them for this accomplishment and wish them the best for future endeavors. Congratulations and job well done! With sincere and best wishes from all of our membership,

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Hesitate B-4 Buying a Kong Toy...

Judy & Jim Fitzgerald

Our 3-year-old Kerry Blue Terrier male, Louie, had a very dangerous/near fatal incident with a Kong product. Unbeknown to us, Louie was able to break off a walnut size piece of rubber on the large side of the toy and ingested it. It was attached perfectly on the large end of the toy and stuck out like a round bump, but it was attached. Not ever having purchased a Kong Toy before (it was purchased in PetEdge catalog), we never knew that the large end of the toy had not been stamped out in the manufacturing process. The piece became lodged inside of his intestinal tract causing blockage, pain and much suffering. Louie was being treated at first, based on symptoms that mirrored acid reflux. As time went on, symptoms increased and worsened and Louie's condition went south very quickly. Long story short the Vet completed several X-Rays views, Contrast Media Administration with Ultrasounds and did not see anything because the rubber did not show up. The Vet was suspicious that something could be inside of his intestine. We agreed to emergency exploratory surgery on Saturday, December 10, 2005 as a last resort to save the dog's life. We felt we had to give him a chance. Going into surgery, our Vet advised there were no promises that they would find anything, but within 20 minutes, the Vet pulled out the piece that was attached to the Kong product. Louie has made a complete recovery. He was worth it and we know you can appreciate that!

We have written to the Kong Company, answered many questions, sent digital pictures, sent the product, including the piece returned by the Vet who did the surgery and sent it along to the Kong Company with our information. The Kong Company has a third party DVM out of California evaluate it and provide a response in 4 – 8 weeks. We received the response today...The Kong Company stated that "Our sophisticated manufacturing process would not allow this to occur due to the core in the center of the rubber mold that makes the Kong hollow. Their third party Vet stated that the piece could not have possibly belonged to the Kong product.

Guess what, it did.

We don't like writing letters like this, we understand how important customer service and brand loyalty are to a business like "Kong". From everything we saw, we thought the Kong Company was very reputable and sold a quality product. Our hope in sharing this story was to have them look into this incident and give serious consideration as to what there company would do to fix this problem so it doesn't put other dogs at risk.

Guess what, the Kong Company didn't.

2006 KBTCC SPECIATLY RESULTS

BOB: **CH. Fenian An'Mac** (*CH Glenvista's Angus Mac Og X CH. Fralin's Na Pog*) B/O: Tom & Jeanne Rogers
BOS: **Ch. Cordial Calendar Girl** (*CH cordial comet O'Lyra X Glenachall Shapinsay Lass*) B/O: Don Wilde
WD: **Hotlick's American Idol** (*CH Fenian An'Jacko X CH Hotlick's Abbey Road*) B: Brian, Dian, & Taylor Ferguson & Monica Doyle-Adair O: Monica Doyle-Adair
RWD: **Lisiji Rock My World** (*Ch. Aran Ferbane X CH Dicher Hearts Desire Lisiji*) B: Lisa & C.J. Favre & Diane Strout O: Lisa & C.J. Favre
BW/WB: **Blujac's Irish Rose** (*CH Fralin's Glennmirs US Steel & CH Blujac's American Beauty*) B/O: Jamie & Carl Ashby
RWB: **Sheggi Sham's Airis Iz Gooluboi Legendy** (*Beclau Blueflit & Nash Avgust Radial Jollity*) B: N. Shuvalova O: Dana Kellerman & Julie Parker

Best In Sweeps: **TNT Wishes In The Wind** (*CH Kerrisel's Turbo Charged & CH TNT G-I Jane*) B/O: Connie Myers

Best Opposite to Sweeps: **Rathangan's Ever Ready** (*CH Morwin's Rogue of Rathangan & CH Rathangan's Whole Nine Yards*) B/O: Bonnie Whelehan

A "Cool List" for your Kerry

By Judy Lamken

This list is a composite of ideas from Kerry fanciers used to keep their dogs cool when traveling. It is always good to have a plan and equipment with you on a trip. One NEVER knows when a car can break down on the road and there you are, along side the road, in the heat with your Kerry. It could be hours before help arrives depending where you break down!

- 1) Think of purchasing (your next car) a WHITE car!
- 2) Sun roof to let the heat out, plus it works well with all the windows down for a good cross breeze.
- 3) Silver Space Blankets and clips to put on the roof/sides and windshield of the car (check out the camping stores or dog vendors). Reflect the heat away! A solid silver space blanket on the roof and sides works well to keep the heat out. There are silver mesh styles which may also be placed over the open windows that allow air flow.
- 4) Large open wire crate for maximum ventilation.
- 5) Canine Cooler (water bed--do a Google search) mat on the bottom of the crate. These are heavy (filled with water) and once in place they are great. As a bonus, this style of bed is excellent in providing a soft surface for protecting the dog's elbows and joints. In winter months put a fleece cover over the bed.
- 6) 12-inch fan (12-volt) can be purchased at stores such as Camping World. Small crate fans are next to worthless as they do not produce much air flow for a Saint Bernard.
- 7) Portable Battery Jump Starter (Wal-Mart, Sears or Pep Boys Auto Stores) *with a 12volt accessory plug-in* to run above fan (saves the car battery). These are 110-volt re-chargeable.
- 8) Non-spill water dish for inside the crate.
- 9) Large Box Fan with extension cord for when you can use a 110-volt hook-up (carry a 3-prong adaptor just in case you should encounter a non-grounded style outlet). The box fan can be tied on the top of the crate blowing down and not take up valuable space. Also, an inverter can be purchased to use this style fan with your car battery if needed for a short term.
- 10) Carry LOTS of water by the gallon, plus an ice chest *filled* with ice. Two Liter bottles can be filled with water and frozen before the trip. These work well in the crates as a cool item for the dog lay up against. Another item is dampened towels (frozen in the freezer) then added to the ice chest before leaving.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

KBTC MEETING SUN SEPT 25TH

GOTO WWW.KBTCC.ORG FOR MORE INFO.

LURE COURSING EVENT SUN OCT 22ND

see attached flyer for more info.

X-MAS PARTY SUN. DEC 3RD

MORE INFO. TO FOLLOW

GLATA FUN MATCH SUN. SEPT 25TH

WWW.GLATA.NET FOR MORE INFORMATION

BRAGS

NEW CHAMPION!

CH Tontine's Shamrock. Dog. (Cavan Cagney Of Rogue Valley x CH Tontine's Too Cool). Owners John and Paula Fischer. Breeders M. Lou Perry & William H. Cunningham. Handler: AL Lynch

2006 USKBTC TRAVELING NATIONAL SPECIALTY, HOSTED BY KBTCC

- BOB: **CH. Maured's Magic Agnes of Blue** (CH Bloomsday Gorm Cuchulainn X CH Sounds Greek To Me) B: Robert & Barb Beuter & Maureen Megrelli O: Robert Beuter, Lucy Noe, & Gretchen Quinn
- BOS: **CH. Fenian AN'Mac** (CH Glenvista's Angus Mac Og X CH. Fralin's Na Pog) B/O Tom & Jeanne Rogers
- BW/WD: **Lisiji Rock My World** (Ch. Aran Ferbane X CH Dicher Hearts Desire Lisiji) B: Lisa & C.J. Favre & Diane Strout
O: Lisa & C.J. Favre
- RWD: **Valtera's Celtic Dancer** (CH Starlites Neptune Trident & CH Fanfair Best Deal At Valtera) B/O Terese Worful
- WB: **Dornick's Luella** (CH. Torum's Corky Capers & Torum's Domino) B: Paul Fletcher & Ron Ramsay
O: Paul Fletcher
- RWB: **Connell's Sweet & Tart** (CH Lyrna's the Victor at Valtera & CH Connell's Cricket Is My Game) B: Sarah LaGassa
O: Sarah, Marie, & Shannon LaGassa
- AOM: **CH. Kerigodf's Skip to My Lugh** (CH Everglory's Free Spirit & CH Everglory's Miss Virginia) B/O Gary & Lynn Duckett
- CH. Edbrios Brave Heart** (Louisburgh Coismeia Mor & Kerrydom Court Dhaulogi RI aT Edbrios) B: E.W & P.A. O'Brien & Jaroslaava Poulova O: Virginia May
- CH Harmony Pursuing History** (CH Bluemnts' Footloose & Fancy Free X CH Harmony's Hugs & Kisses CD)
B: Shane & Dana Flint & Kari Loken O: Lois Croley, Charlene Dwyer, Dana Flint, & Kari Loken
- BISweeps: **Rathangan's Ever Ready** (CH Morwin's Rogue of Rathangan & CH Rathangan's Whole Nine Yards) B/O Bonnie Whelehan
- BOSweep:s **Phyl-Matt's Fanfair's Zodiac Kiss** (CH Starlites Exuberant Pices & Fanfair's Just a Kiss) B/O Ursula Sass

Grooming competition results....

Several months back, I believe it was in March, our Club was approached by a professional groomer, Anita Belue-Leinard out of Marseilles, IL, looking to borrow a Kerry Blue to groom in several upcoming Dog Grooming competitions. I invited her up to meet with my Kerry Max to see if he would work out for her. I guess it is safe to say that they are working out beautifully. As a matter of fact in the first competition Anita took 1st place in the Terrier group in a field of about 25 professional groomers (only her third effort at cutting a Kerry). This win, along with placements in the other groups, has landed her a place on the US Groom Team. The next competition takes place in October. Just a note that if you are ever approached by a groomer like Anita, please keep an open mind and enjoy the free grooming in exchange.

Ellen Burrows

ELGIN KENNEL CLUB SUPPORTED ENTRY RESULTS

SAT.

- BOB.G2: Ch. Fenian An'Mac
(CH Glenvista's Angus Mac Og X CH.
Fralin's Na Pog)
B/O Tom & Jeanne Rogers
- BOS/BW/WB: Kerrisel's Indy Go Bleu
(CH Aisling's Overdrive X CH.
Lughnasa's Kerrisel Carling)
B:Reita Nicholson O:Jennifer Bott &
Reita Nicholson
- WD: Rathangan's Eever Ready
B/O Bonnie Whelehan
(CH. Morwin's Rogue OF Rathangan X
CH. Rathangan's Whole Nine Yards)

SUN.

- BOB/G2: Ch. Fenian An'Mac
(CH Glenvista's Angus Mac Og X CH.
Fralin's Na Pog)
B/O Tom & Jeanne Rogers
- BOS: CH. Kerrisel's Doubletake
(CH Aisling's Overdrive X CH.
Lughnasa's Kerrisel Carling)
B/O Reita & Craig Nicholson
- BW/WD: Rathangan's Eever Ready
(CH. Morwin's Rogue OF Rathangan X
CH. Rathangan's Whole Nine Yards)
B/O Bonnie Whelehan
- WB: Morwin's Attitude of Nydar
(CH Rathangan's Magic at Morwin X
CH Morwin's Velvet Shamrock)
B:William Morris O: Nicole Carfora

Pet Health news from K-State: poison control hotline

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K-STATE ANIMAL POISON CONTROL HOTLINE CONNECTS PET OWNERS, OTHER VETERINARIANS WITH K-STATE VETERINARY TOXICOLOGISTS MANHATTAN –

When a precocious pet gets into something it shouldn't, the experts at Kansas State University are just a phone call away. K-State's College of Veterinary Medicine has a free, 24-hour animal poison control hotline at 785-532-5679 that puts worried pet owners and other veterinarians in touch with three K-State veterinary toxicologists. The college has been operating the animal poison control center since 1969. Overseeing the hotline is Dr. Fred Oehme, a veterinarian and professor of toxicology and pathobiology. The veterinarians field calls from across the country, night and day. The number of calls can vary from two or three during a whole day to two or three in one hour. The free service is staffed by on-call veterinarians who also maintain regular veterinary practices at K-State along with their teaching and research duties. For that reason, Oehme said the hotline calls should be for real concerns and not employed frivolously.

If you have an emergency and need to call the hotline, Oehme offers some tips:

* Be patient. The person who answers the phone may have to page the veterinarian on call. This may take a few minutes, especially during the nighttime.

* Call as soon as possible. If you call within five minutes to 10 minutes of ingestion, a veterinarian may direct you to induce vomiting to minimize harm. But if you wait a few hours to see how the animal reacts, it may be too late. Also, be able to tell the veterinarian how long ago the poison was ingested.

* Have product labels handy. Be able to tell the veterinarian what your pet ingested. If it was a medication, tell the veterinarian the generic name of the drug and how many milligrams were in each tablet. Also be able to tell the veterinarian how much your pet weighs.

* Know if your pet is actually in trouble. A little drool might just mean your pet is happy to see you. Unusual drooling, unexplained vomiting, frothing at the mouth, redness or burns in the mouth, difficulty breathing, unusual behavior, convulsions or unconsciousness may indicate that your animal is in trouble.

The K-State veterinary toxicologists who staff the hotline also take calls from other veterinarians, sometimes with questions about large animals. Oehme said although most of the hotline calls concern house pets, not all involve cats and dogs. He said the hotline also helps pet owners with reptiles, birds or pocket pets like hamsters and gerbils. Because such pets often are housed in cages or aquaria, they usually don't get into trouble on their own. Birds, for example, could be in trouble if pesticide is sprayed freely around a room in the house. While a dog or cat can leave a dangerous area, a caged animal is confined and can't escape the chemical vapors, Oehme said.

Pets can come into contact with poisons in many places, from herbicides in the backyard to household cleaners under the sink, Oehme said, adding that over the years, he's noticed an increasing number of pets ingesting human medications. Fortunately, most medications deemed safe enough for us to take are relatively safe for our animals, too, he said. However, pet owners must realize the medication that is an appropriate dose for a 250-pound person may be hazardous to a 2-pound puppy. That's why animal owners should be mindful about where they leave their prescriptions, Oehme said. "Think of your pet as the child in your family: Don't place medications where your animal can access them," he said. It's also important to consider the animal's temperament when placing toxic materials or baits, Oehme said. While it's appropriate to put poisonous items like roach traps where the roaches will get to them, your pet shouldn't be able to get a hold of the bait container and its contents. "Some animals will walk right past such products, but others play with them and eat a portion," Oehme said. "If your pet is one who plays with a lot of stuff, make sure to place toxic materials where it can't get to them."

Submitted by Judy Lamken