

The Jolly Dog School

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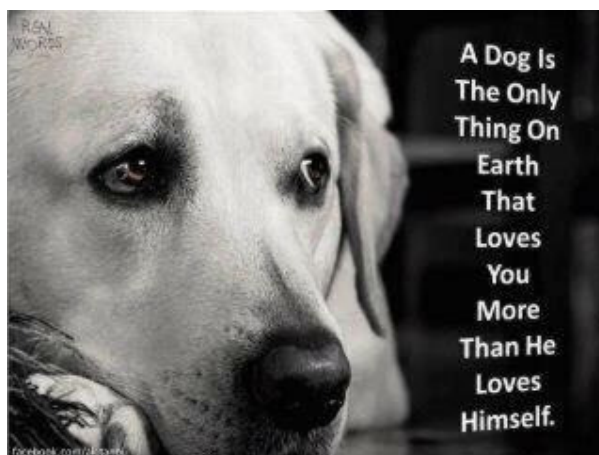
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SEPTEMBER

Dear Members



SHOW ENTRIES

There are a number of members who have expressed an interest in entering into various show disciplines ie obedience, agility, carting etc. Ingrid will be holding an “info” session on **15 September at 15h30** after training during which time she will discuss how to go about registering your dog at Kusa – a requirement for showing – obtaining the necessary card for entry into your chosen discipline as well as giving you the links to websites which advertise forthcoming shows. Look forward to seeing you there. Link www.workingsa.webnode.com

SPIROCERCA LUPI

Have you heard of “The Silent Killer”? Have you lost a dog to *Spirocerca lupi*, a parasitic worm? Do you know how to prevent this parasite from infecting your dog and causing untold damage and possibly even death? Our Club will be having a talk from a representative from Bayer Animal Health on *Spirocerca lupi*, the parasite and its life cycle, the damages caused and clinical signs observed and the prevention and treatment. They will be at our grounds after training at **15h30 on 29 September** to give a presentation on spirocercosis, a potentially lethal disease affecting and often killing dogs throughout South Africa. This parasite is proving to be a very unwelcome visitor and we know of several cases already – let’s arm ourselves with knowledge in the interests of our beloved pets.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please diarise that the AGM will be held at 19h00 on **23 October 2012**. All members welcome.

COMMITTEE

If there are any members who would be interested in joining The Jolly Dog School Committee please contact Ingrid Dinsmore. If you would like to put any members' names forward to stand on the Committee please ensure that you have that person's permission to do so.

Cancer in Animals and what to look for

Many people do not realize that cancer is not just a human condition — it affects our pets as well. In fact, cancer is the number one disease-related killer of dogs and cats. Lookout for the following signs, while these symptoms are not purely indicative of cancer, if a pet begins to exhibit them you should visit your veterinarian immediately. Just like with people, the earlier cancer is caught the better.

Lumps and Bumps

Not all lumps and bumps on or under your dog or cat's skin will be cancerous, but there is no way to know for sure without getting your veterinarian involved — this is especially important if the lump is not resolving itself or is growing in size. A needle biopsy is commonly done and a veterinary pathologist can let you know if the cells are cancerous or not.

Abnormal Odors

Offensive odors from your dog or cat's mouth, ears, or any other part of your pet's body, should be checked out. Oftentimes cancers of the mouth, nose, or anal regions can cause such foul odors.

Abnormal Discharges

Blood, pus, vomiting, diarrhea, or any other abnormal substance being discharged from any part of your pet's body should be checked out by your veterinarian. In addition to that, if your dog or cat's abdomen becomes bloated or distended it could be a sign of an accumulation of abnormal discharge within the body.

Non-Healing Wounds

If your pet has wounds or sores that are not healing, it could be a sign of infection, skin disease, or even cancer.

Weight Loss

Cancer is among the list of diseases that can cause weight loss in a pet. If you notice sudden weight loss in your dog or cat (and it is not currently on a diet), along with other signs from this list, be sure to mention it to your veterinarian.

Change in Appetite

Dogs and cats do not stop eating without a cause. While a lack of appetite does not automatically indicate cancer, it is still something to be discussed with your veterinarian. Oral tumors can also cause difficulty or pain when eating or swallowing.

Coughing or Difficulty Breathing

Coughing or abnormal breathing can be caused by heart disease, lung disease, and also cancer. Cancer can metastasize through the lungs and cause these symptoms.

Lethargy or Depression

If you notice your pet is not acting like itself – sleeping more, less playful, less willing to go on walks or to exercise – this can also be a sign of cancer. Once again, lethargy or depression is not a symptom confined to cancer, but an accumulation of any of these signs is reason enough to speak with your veterinarian.

Changes in Bathroom Habits

Changes in your pet's urinary or bowel habits – difficulty using the bathroom, frequent bathroom use, blood in urine or stool – these are all potential signs of cancer.

Evidence of pain

Limping or other evidence of pain while the pet is walking, running, or jumping is mostly associated with arthritic issues or joint or muscle diseases, but it can also be a sign of cancer (especially cancer of the bone)

TRAINING SATURDAY 22 SEPTEMBER



Please note there will be no training on Saturday 22 September due to the public holiday on 24th.

Results

Handler	Dog	Show	Date	Class	Position
Rita Rheeder	Chippie	Collie Club	8/07/2012	Contact Agility A3 L	3 rd
Rita Rheeder	Chippie	Wodac		Canine Survivor	1 st
Rita Rheeder	Chippie	Kennel Union of SA	9/08/2012	C-Test	1 st – 99% + CC
Rita Rheeder	Chippie	FS Agility and Dog Training	10/08/2012	C-Test	1 st – 99% + CC
Rita Rheeder	Chippie	BADTC	25/08/2012	Contact Agility – A3 L	4 th

Rita and Chippie had a fantastic result of coming 1st for the Wodac Canine Survivor Competition. This was a three day event. Each day was judged by a different judge. There were three rounds of different tests, with competitors being eliminated each day. Once they had done the third round there were only two competitors left to do the final on the Sunday in the main arena.

When they got to the final on Sunday they did 17 different tests, and then still had to do the final which consisted of another 4 tests, which Chippie won. The whole event consisted of 24 different tests of which they did approximately 7 every day. Well done Ria and Chippie!

Barking dogs

A reminder to members that they are to keep their dogs as quite as possible. Incessant barking annoys the neighbours.

Dog Treats

For our furry friends there are fantastic biscuits for sale. Please contact Peter Dinsmore to purchase/order the dog biscuits. The dogs love them.

Email addresses

We prefer to communicate by email in order to keep costs down, but understand not every one has this convenience, so will provide hard copies to those without email at training.

If you have an email and have not had a communication from us or are not getting our monthly newsletter please can you email Shirley (etebbutt@worldonline.co.za) so we can pick up your correct address.

Please remember that if you cannot locate your newsletter in order to confirm times and dates of functions please refer to the website which is constantly updated.

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Enjoy your training

“The Jolly Team”