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“Three great essentials to achieve anything worthwhile are, first, hard work; second, stick-to-itiveness; third, common sense.” — Thomas Edison

*Control to pilot: What is your height and position?”
Pilot: ‘I’m five feet eight inches and sitting down.”

*Geologist: a scientist with rocks in his head.”
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Enjoy the little things,
For one day you may
Look back and realize
They were the big things.
Robert Brault

Work for a cause, not for applause
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LEKC meets the 4th Wednesday of each month, at the Lady Lake Library W. Guava St, Lady Lake, Fl.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 14, UKC Obedience and Rally Fun Match. Contact Sally Hensen Majorwan2@aol.com or www.ipoclakeland.org.

Sept. 14-15, Sunshine State Coursing Club of Central Fla. Rocking Horse Farms, Altoona

Sept. 20-22, Agility, Greater Ocala Dog Club. Info astibug@msn.com

Sept. 21-22, Obedience and Rally Seminar rwithers@tampabayrr.com

Sept. 27-29, Agility. DTC of Tampa. Info weims3@gte.net

Sept. 29, Matt Twitty Seminar. Jcostello37@cfl.rr.com

Oct. 4-6, Agility MADTA. info astibug@msn.com

Oct. 5-6 Obed & Rally ODTC. Info gordonshowsec. Closes Sept. 18

Oct. 19-20, IPOC Lakeland. Closes Oct. 2. Victoriakulig@gmail.com


Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 2013, UMDTA 4 Rally Trials Livestock Pavilion. Contact Majorwan2@aol.com

HONORING ARSON DOGS

The National Fire Dog Monument, a 450 pound, 7 foot Bronze sculpture, created by Colorado firefighter Austin Weishel, spent the month of June on tour in 12 cities. It honors Certified Accelarant Detection K-9 Arson dogs who help investigators determine something like gasoline or lighter fluid was used to start a fire. The monument is located in Washington, DC.*

Who’s smarter: dogs or cats?

Yes, dogs are smarter—if their brain size is any indication, according to a study by Oxford University. Researchers found that cat brains have remained the size they were some 8,000 years ago, while dog brains continue to grow larger, thanks to their intense social interaction with people. So, who has the smarter owners? That depends on who you ask. In Britain, University of Bristol researchers found recently that cat lovers are more likely to have college degrees. But in the United States, the American Veterinary Medical Association’s Pet owner survey found that, on the contrary, it’s dog owners who have more education.*
Dogs care if you cry

Dogs empathize with us, say researchers at the University of Of London’s Department of Psychology. Doctors there presented 18 pet dogs with strangers or owners who pretended to cry. Most of the canines demonstrated “comfort-offering behavior” by looking at, approaching, or touching the person. From this, researcher Jennifer Mayer concludes. “They were responding to the person’s emotion.”

Allergic Dermatitis: The New #1 Reason Dogs Visit Vets, and how to treat it at home.
By Dr. Becker

In 2012, the health issue that brought the greatest number of dog owners to the vet’s office was atopic or allergic dermatitis. According to Veterinary Pet Insurance (VPI), for the first time in five years, allergies knocked otitis externa (inflammation of the outer ear and ear canal) out of first place.

VPI policy holders spent $58 million last year treating the 10 most common health problems in their pets. The average amount spent for a vet visit for an allergic dog was $96.

The costliest canine condition treated in 2012 was osteoarthritis, which ran an average of $258 per appointment.

**Top 10 Canine Medical Conditions in 2012**

1. Atopic or allergic dermatitis
2. Otitis externa (ear inflammation)
3. Pyoderma/hot spot
4. Benign neoplasia
5. Gastropathy (stomach disease)
6. Osteoarthritis
7. Enteropathy (intestinal disease)
8. Cystitis or urinary tract infection
9. Periodontitis/dental disease
10. Soft tissue trauma
**Tips for Treating the Top 3 Canine Health Conditions**

**Allergic Dermatitis**

A dog with allergies should be switched to an anti-inflammatory diet, which means a diet that is very low in grain content and without potatoes. Beneficial additions to the diet include Omega-3 fatty acids in conjunction with coconut oil to decrease inflammation and yeast growth throughout the body.

Helpful supplements for allergic dogs include guercetin together with bromelain and papain, diffused eucalyptus oil, and local honey.

Avoid unnecessary vaccines and veterinary drugs, and definitely don’t allow a dog with allergies to be vaccinated during a flare-up.

Use foot soaks, body rinses and frequent baths to control build-up of allergens on your pet’s coat and skin. Avoid shampoos with grains, including oatmeal shampoo.

Vacuum carpets and clean hard floors regularly; wash pet bedding often; use non-toxic cleaners around the house; And consider investing in an air purifier to remove allergens from your dog’s indoor living space.

**Otitis Externa (inflammation of the ear)**

If your dog has a tendency to have problems with her ears, I recommend checking them daily or every other day at a minimum. Wax or other debris left in your dog’s ear canal is the foundation for infection.

The goal is to clean your pet’s ears whenever they’re dirty. That may mean they need to be cleaned every day, or less often if they don’t produce much wax and other crud.

If you think your dog might already have an ear infection, it’s important to have your vet check him out before you begin a cleaning regimen. Infections often lead to ruptured eardrums, in which case special cleaners and medications are required.

For taking care of healthy canine ears, my favorite clean agents include witch hazel, organic apple cider vinegar mixed with purified water (equal parts), hydrogen peroxide, green teas infusion (using cooled tea), or tea tree oil heavily dilute with purified water (do not use for cats.)

Never use rubbing alcohol! It can cause burning and irritation, especially if there’s inflammation

You can use a cotton swab to clean the outside ear area, but never use them inside the ear canal. Use cotton balls instead, since they cannot be inserted too far into the ear. Cotton swabs can damage our pet’s eardrums, whereas cotton balls won’t.

**Hot Spots**

If your dog develops a hot spot, you’ll need to do two things – treat the wound, and identify the underlying cause.

I preparing to treat a hot spot, you’ll need to remove the hair on, in and around the affected area. If you don’t remove the hair, it will become trapped in the wound by the pus and you’ll have a much harder time healing the hot spot. Also, hair in and around the affected area can create a perfect environment for the wound to get bigger and the infection to get worse.

I recommend you shave the area of the hot spot, and then mark the edges of the lesion with a Sharpie type pen so you can tell if the infection is expanding. If the infection appears to be spreading, you know you are not treating it effectively at home and you should get your pup to your veterinarian as soon as possible some hot spots can result in fever and serious underlying skin problems, so if you see the wound growing rather than improving after a couple of days, it’s time to seek veterinary care.
**CANADA: PLEA FOR POOP**
The University of Calgary wants your dog poop—if you’re a Canadian who lives near a dog park close to the university. As part of a study to determine how gastrointestinal parasites are transferred between dogs and wild animals in city parks, the university has put out a request for dog poop. They’ll even drive to an owner’s home to pick it up. And to show their gratitude for your contribution to science, researchers will later send along a lab report detailing the dog’s health. *Cesar’s Way*

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**HELP WANTED**
We have a number of shows on the agenda the next few months and we always need volunteers. Please, step up to the plate. We can’t do this without you and this is YOUR club. If you have no experience, we can help. None of us had experience to begin with. All of us had to learn at some point. Sick your neck out, you won’t lose it and you may enjoy yourself, make new friends. Email me flablackbelt@yahoo.com.

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**Lung Lobe Torsion**

What is a lung lobe torsion?

Unlike humans, dogs and cats have separate lung lobes, which make them more prone to undergoing torsion (twisting). There are four right lung lobes and three left lung lobes. An artery, vein and air tube (bronchus) enter the base of the lung lobe adjacent to the heart. This is the most common location for the lobe to become torsed. Some lung lobes have well developed ligaments that suspend them within the chest cavity and this helps to prevent these lobes from being torsed.

Once the lung lobes twists at its base, the vein collapses and does not allow blood to leave the lung lobe. Because the artery has much higher blood pressure and has a muscular wall, blood continues to flow into the lung lobe. As a result, the lung becomes congested with blood and the lobe weeps fluid into the chest cavity. As fluid accumulates in the chest, the normal lung lobes collapse and the patient develops shortness of breath. In addition, the torsed lung lobe dies, which results in the release of toxins into the body.

The cause of lung lobe torsion is frequently not known; however some dogs have an underlying cause such as cancer or chylothorax (fluid accumulation in the chest due to leaky lymphatic vessels).

**Signs and diagnosis**

Breeds at higher risk for lung lobe torsion include deep-chested dogs such as Borzois and Afghans. Other susceptible breeds include the Miniature poodle, Dachshund, Shih Tzu, Yorkshire terrier, Pekinese, and Pug. Cats rarely develop this condition. The most common presenting signs of lung lobe torsion are shortness of breath (rapid, shallow breathing) and lethargy. Other warning signs of this condition include inappetence, vomiting, and exercise intolerance.

The diagnosis of lung lobe torsion is based on clinical signs, physical examination, chest x-rays findings, and analysis of the fluid from the chest cavity. The chest fluid is typically blood-tinged, but in some cases may appear very bloody. Other tests that may be indicated to help diagnose the problem include bronchoscopy (camera placed down the airways via the mouth), chest CT scan, and thoracoscopy (camera placed through the chest wall).

**Treatment**

Surgery is recommended to remove the torsed lung lobe. This is typically performed via an incision that is made on the side of the chest. After the lung lobe is removed, a tube is placed through the chest wall and into the chest.
cavity. The surgical incision is then closed. The chest tube is placed to allow for evaluation of fluid and air from the chest cavity. This tube is typically removed 2 to 3 days after surgery.

Combining the results of a number of reports on lung lobe torsion, the overall long-term survival is 50% (total of 46 patients). The sooner the patient is treated after the lung lobe torses, the better the prognosis may be.

http://bluepearlvet.com/lung-lobe-torsion/ (Submitted by Sharie Davis)

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What’s up

Starting in September Lake Eustis Kennel Club will be offering a program every month for our members & guests. Our September program will be a round table discussion on Rally with our own Ellen Beris chairing the program. Bring all your questions or helpful hints with you to the meeting.

Submitted by Carolyn Hoppe

“The love in your heart wasn’t put there to stay. Love isn’t love until you give it away.”

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“Nothing is really work unless you would rather be doing something else.”

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