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WHAT'S HAPPENIN' AT LEKC

August 28th Megaesophagus in Dogs
November 2nd & 3rd 2019 Eustis, Obedience & Rally Trials
November 20th, Club meeting
December: 11th, Christmas Party
January 15th, Meeting
January 23rd & 24th, Conformation Show, Ocala

Quotes:

When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace. (Jimi Hendrix)

In the depth of winter, I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer. (Albert Camus)

No race has a monopoly on vice or virtue, and the worth of an individual is not related to the color of his skin. (Whitney Moore Young.)

What is the most dangerous part of a car? The nut that holds the steering wheel.

You will be exactly as happy as you decide to be.

Don't look back. Something may be gaining on you. (Satchel Paige)

Work until your idols become rivals.

Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards.

Did You Know?

May: Named for the Roman goddess Maria, who oversaw the growth of plants. Also from The Latin word maiores, "elders," who were celebrated during this month.

Basketball was invented in 1891 by Dr. James Naismith, a Canadian physical education teacher working in Springfield, Massachusetts. He was looking for a way to keep his gym students busy on a rainy day. He originally used a soccer ball to play the game.

Doctor: I'm afraid your condition is fairly advanced.

Patient: It was in its early stages when I sat down in your waiting room!

British actor Peter Sellers (1925-1980) got his acting start in radio. Later, he starred in such movies as The Pink Panther and Dr. Strangelove. Both of his parents were vaudeville performers.

To know if a honeydew melon is ripe, look for a rind that is whitish or golden, rather than green. If shaken, the seeds in a ripe melon will make a faint rattling sound.

Puzzle of the Month

Often we are covered with wisdom and wit, and oft with a cloth where the dinner guests sit; in beauty around you and over your head, we are countless, though numbered when bound to be read. (Answer pg. 5)

Companies that are pet friendly,

Mars Petcare was one of the first companies to offer pawternity leave. [The company offers its employees 10 hours](#) of paid leave when they get a new pet, and they can bring them into the office after that.

The data platform provider Mparticle offers two weeks of paid leave if an employee adopts a rescue dog. [According to The Times](#), the recruiter for the company Laurel Peppino said it's to provide time for training and walks.

A tech company based in Manchester called **BitSol Solutions** offers its employees a full week of paid leave if they get a new pet. [According to the Metro](#), company owner Greg Buchanan said: "Pets are like babies nowadays, so why shouldn't staff have some time off when they arrive?"

Scottish brewery company **BrewDog** has just started offering a week of paid leave. The reason given on the **BrewDog** website is that they just really love dogs. Also, it aims to be "[the best company to work for, ever.](#)"

Minneapolis marketing company **Nina Hale** started offering "fur-ternity leave" last year, [according to the New York Times](#) "This is kind of a no-brainer," said vice president Allison McMenimen. "The idea of offering benefits that just help keep employees at the office, that's over."

Musti Group is a pet food company based in Norway, Sweden, and Finland. Employees there are offered three days off when they get a new pet, [according to The Mercury News](#).

[According to the Huffington Post](#), employees at Harper Collins in India get five working days of paid leave if they have just adopted a pet in a bid to encourage responsible adoption of pets.

Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants in San Francisco offers three days leave, **Mars Inc** offers one day and flexible hours, California-based software company VMware and Boston-based Maxwell Health both offer flexible days, and **Trupanion**, a Seattle-based pet insurance company, offers employees one day. [Canadian company Shoppers Drug Mart](#) lets employees take days off if they have a loss in the family, and they say that includes a beloved pet.
(Contributed by Kathy Pearce)

Need for Dog Blood Donors is Up (Kate Santich Orlando Sentinel)

An 11 pound Chihuahua mix was found abandoned near Ocala National Forest in early April – shot, starved and left for dead.

By the time it was taken in by Erin Rae Swilley, the Winter Springs founder of Happy Trails Animal Rescue, the dog was in critical need of a blood transfusion.

“She shouldn’t have even been alive,” Swilley said. Her blood wasn’t even red any more. It was sort of pink. She could barely lift her head.”

When her veterinarian didn’t have donor blood immediately available, Swilley dashed home and got her 1 ½ year old Australian cattle dog, Boots. It was faster than trying to get to an emergency vet.

“Boots saved her life,” Swilley said. “It was miraculous.”

With the increasing sophistication of veterinary care and the increasing population of pets, the number of dogs getting blood transfusions is on the rise, and so is the need for donated pet blood. Across the state, owners are being asked if they’re willing to volunteer their four-legged family members to supply a system that once relied heavily on dogs kept at animal hospitals solely for transfusion.

“There’s definitely a need,” said veterinarian Kirsten Cooke of Veterinary Medicine’s Small Animal Hospital, where the number of canine blood transfusions has nearly doubled in the past decade. “Part of the challenge – because we are a large hospital and we make blood products for our own use – is that we have a pretty rigorous screening process for our donors. There are a lot of potential donors that don’t qualify.

Currently the hospital has about 55 dogs that donate up to six times a year. Ideally, Cooke said, the blood bank could use another 20 to 30 to ensure it has enough for emergencies. About a pint of blood is drawn each time. Dogs are expected to take it easy immediately afterward and be given plenty of food and water, but the veterinarians say the procedure rarely fazes them.

Elsewhere in Florida, pet hospitals in Tampa, Brandon, Clearwater and Miami welcome dog and cat blood donors, with such perks as free food and heartworm prevention, vaccinations, yearly exams and sometimes credit toward veterinary bills – in addition to immediate treats and toys. While there is no pet blood bank in Orlando that, so far at least, invites donations from the public, Cooke said some owners make the nearly two-hour trek from Orlando to Gainesville to enlist their dogs in the blood bank there.

Standards are strict. Typically, dogs must be at least 50 pounds, 1-to 7 years old, healthy; current on vaccinations and heartworm and tick prevention, not pregnant and calm enough to sit still for the 10 to 15 minutes to it takes to collect the blood. Temperament, it turns out, disqualifies a lot of would-be donors – and it’s why UF doesn’t collect cat blood, though the other pet blood banks do.

“You can imagine asking a cat to sit still for the donation,” Cooke said. “Cats usually need to be given sedation, and I don’t want to sedate somebody’s pet and have something happen to them.”

Instead, the hospital adopts cats, screens them for infectious diseases, and uses them as donors for about three years, after which they’re found a permanent home.

“It definitely saves lives,” Cooke said of the process.

It used to be the same for dogs, and it still is in some places, including parts of Texas and California, where pet blood banks have been heavily criticized by animal rights advocates who argue that, because of their social nature, dogs in particular shouldn’t live in institutions.

Pet blood donation also has become more commercialized and sophisticated in typing, cross-matching and separating blood into red blood cells and plasma. But for many general veterinary practices, the main donors are notably informal. They're the staff's pets.

"On those occasions when we need a transfusion, one of my dogs comes to the clinic and donates," said Dr. Rick Marrinson, owner of Longwood Veterinary Clinic. "I've got two dogs that are over 50 pounds right now, so even if one has donated, on the rare chance that we need another donation in a short period of time, I've got a spare. I've used my cat before too...I guess this is the price you pay for being a veterinarian's 'pet.'"

Blood products can be expensive to stock, and they have a limited shelf life, so these days most transfusions are done at specialty clinics and emergency vet hospitals that store blood. Marrinson said fewer are done in general practice than 20 years ago.

"Before we had all these amazing flea (prevention) products that we currently enjoy, we wouldn't go a week without transfusing at least one dog and/or cat," he said. "It was every single week – because they were anemic from all these fleas biting them."

Researchers have identified at least a dozen blood groups in dogs, and eight types are recognized as international standards. There are three blood types in cats.

But unlike cats, dogs are usually able to safely receive an initial transfusion without typing the blood.

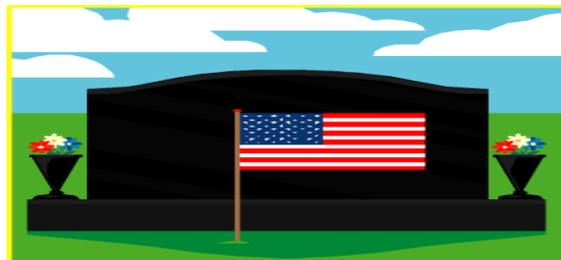
"You get a freebie," said Dr. Roman Pilip of Aloma Jancy Animal Hospital I Oviedo – the clinic where Swilley took the critically ill Chihuahua and which usually has a staff pet handy for emergencies. "Dogs don't have the antibodies that react to blood that first time the way cats do in most cases. It's still a good idea to type the blood if you have time, but in cases with acute blood loss – like this pup had – you just need to get any type of blood transfused quickly."

In 17 years of practicing critical care and emergency veterinary medicine, Pilip said, he had never seen a dog with a lower measure of red blood cells than the one Swilley brought in on April 11. Statistically speaking, the dog shouldn't have survived. But right after the transfusion, she started lifting her head and sitting up, and the color of her gums began changing from paper-white to healthy pink.

Swilley named her "Little," and to raise money for the 2 year –olds growing vet bills, she has made T-shirts with Little's picture and the Shakespearean line, "Though she be but Little, she is fierce." After surgery to amputate one of Little's front legs, where a bullet shattered her joint, she will recuperate further, and then she'll be adopted.

"Little still has a ways to go," Swilley said. "But she is so sweet, and she's got cattle dog blood in her now. That'll make her tough."

Answer to Puzzle: Leaves



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