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Next Meetings

April 2006 Meeting

Date: Wednesday April 5, 2006

Time: 6:30 PM – ???

Location: Worthington Animal Hosp (Annex)
5756 North High Street

Worthington, OH

Bring your puppies to begin the preparation for the May puppy match.

DUES (FINAL NOTICE)

Please be sure to get your check in the mail to Deb Lewis. This will be the final time to accept dues from current members.

Single Membership - \$30.00

Joint Membership - \$50.00

Business Cards - \$50.00

A big "Thank you" to Deb for keeping this all straight and collecting the dues as well as keeping the membership list current.

PREZ NOTES

This club simply amazes me. We just had one of the most successful Health Clinics on record. Based on the tentative information from the treasurer we have generated over \$900.00 for the club. I would like to thank all the COLRC members that helped with this event. A special thank you goes out to Jennifer Stotts, Linda Bednarski and Rich Boucher. According to Jennifer, her telephone was ringing up until the last day with people still wanting to schedule an appointment. Linda's choice for the Heart Doctor was super. This lady performed like a trooper and was happy to be helping the dog world. Rich Boucher's hospitality was outstanding as usual. I guess I missed a chance for free food and drink.

Hopefully we can plan to do a bigger and better Clinic next year. I am sure that Jennifer & Linda will provide details and options for discussion at the April meeting.

At the April meeting we will be finalizing the plan to consider holding a three (3) day show in 2007. This would mean moving the Specialty to Friday and having Supported Entries on Saturday and Sunday. We have an opportunity to get our feet wet with our own show on Friday. Linda Bednarski will let us know about her research regarding a show secretary for this Friday event. The funds generated could help the club in moving towards its goal of conducting its own show annually and not being associated with another club.

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Down 'N Backs

Sorry, none at this time

TO: God

FROM: The Dog

Why do humans smell the flowers, but seldom, if ever, smell one another?

When we get to heaven, can we sit on your couch? Or is the same old story?

Why are there cars named after the jaguar, the cougar, the mustang, the colt, the stingray, and the rabbit, but not **ONE** named for a dog? How often do you see a cougar riding around? We do love a nice ride!

Would it be so hard to rename the "Chrysler Eagle" the "Chrysler Beagle"?

If a dog barks his head off in the forest and no human hear him, is he still a bad dog?

We dogs can understand human verbal instructions, hand signals, whistles, horns, clickers, beepers, scent ID's, electromangentic energy fields, and frisbee flight paths. What do humans understand?

Are there mailmen in Heaven? If there are, will I have to apologize?

More meatballs, less spaghetti please!

SPRING PUPPY MATCH

Start praying now for good weather on May 7, 2006! I really want to WOW our judge, Steve Graham, with a huge entry. He is coming from New York to judge our Match, so start leash training!

Chili will be the main course. I have all the paper products taken care of. I will have a sign up sheet at the meeting for snacks and desserts.

Don't forget your "rummage" items. All proceeds go to the Club. It's your chance to clean house for a good cause! See you there!!!

WEB SITE STUFF

(WWW.COLRC.COM)

Don't forget that under the membership page on the web site is the link to the members only page on the COLRC site. If you have forgotten how to access that page, please drop me a note and I will refresh your memory.

Additionally, I will bring to each meeting a report on web site activities for the previous month. Our web site is getting a very large number of hits each month and the numbers continue to grow.

Prizes for Speciality

Please bring your prizes and checks to the April meeting. Jan needs these NLT 15 April to allow for publication in the catalog.

Litter Listings

CH Dovetail's Walk Not Run X
Deer Run Roxanne at Shannon
Yellows born 3/12/06
Contact Jennifer Stotts, 740-828-2657

Slightly Older Puppies
8 Year old Yellow Female
7 mo old Yellow male
Contact: Dennis or Jennifer Stotts, 740-828-2657

HiView Seabreeze (pointed) x
Ch. Dickendall Davaron Gable
Yellow and black born 3/9/06
Contact: Steve Montemarano, 740-972-6554
smonte99@insight.rr.com

CH Hollidaze Postmaster x
Ashway's Fifth Dimension
Yellows due March 22, 2006
Contact Bill or Rose Ash 740 881-4326

Older Puppies and Dogs available
Contact Bill or Rose Ash, 740-881-4326

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I am your dog, and I have a little something I'd like to whisper in your ear. I know that you humans lead busy lives. Some have to work, some have children to raise. It always seems like you are running here and running there, often much too fast, often never noticing the truly grand things in life.

Look down at me now, while you sit there at your computer. See the way my dark brown eyes look at yours? They are slightly cloudy now. That comes with age. The gray hairs are beginning to ring my soft muzzle. You smile at me; I see love in your eyes. What do you see in mine? Do you see a spirit? A soul inside, who loves you as no other could in the world? A spirit that would forgive all trespasses of prior wrong doing for a simple moment of your time?

That is all I ask. To slow down, if even for a few minutes, to be with me. So many times you have been saddened by the words you read on that screen, of others of my kind, passing. Sometimes we die young and oh so quickly, sometimes so suddenly it wrenches your heart out of your throat. Sometimes, we age so slowly before your eyes that you may not even seem to know until the very end, when we look at you with grizzled muzzles and cataract clouded eyes. Still the love is always there, even when we must take that long sleep, to run free in a distant land.

I may not be here tomorrow; I may not be here next week. Someday you will shed the water from your eyes, that humans have when deep grief fills their souls, and you will be angry at yourself that you did not have just "one more day" with me.

Because I love you so, your sorrow touches my spirit and grieves me. We have NOW, together. So come, sit down here nest to me on the floor, and look deep into my eyes. What do you see? If you look hard and deep enough we will talk, you and I, heart to heart. Come to me not as "alpha" or as "trainer: or even "Mom or Dad". Come to me as a living soul and stroke my fur and let us look deep into one another's eyes and talk. I may tell you something about the fun or chasing a tennis ball, or I may tell you something profound about myself, or even life in general. You decided to have me in your life because you wanted a soul to share things with. Someone very different from you, and here I am.

I am a dog, but I am alive. I feel emotion, I feel physical senses, and I can revel in the differences of our spirits and souls. I do not think of you as a "dog on two feet" – I know what you are and who you are. You are human, in all your quirkiness, and I love you still.

Now, come sit with me, on the floor. Enter my world, and let time slow down if only for 15 minutes. Look deep into my eyes, and whisper into my ears. Speak with your heart, with your joy, and I will know your true self. We may not have tomorrow, but we do have today, and life is oh so very short. So please...come sit with me now and let us share these precious moments we have together.

Love, on behalf of canines everywhere,

Your Dog
(Author Unknown)

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