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Next meeting is Saturday, April 21

Regular meeting @ 7pm

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Telemedicine: Gaining Steam Within the Veterinary Profession

Although the practice of telemedicine has been around for quite some time, only recently has this technology been embraced by the veterinary profession. In July of this year, the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) provided a game changer by providing unanimous endorsement for the practice of telemedicine.

What exactly is telemedicine?

Telemedicine is a form of "remote consultation," meaning the doctor and patient are not in the same location. Telemedicine is a means of providing evaluation and treatment recommendations via either telephone or electronic means (email, Skype).

Here are a few examples of how telemedicine might work. Your dog has torn a toenail and is limping. You describe the situation to your vet via email and include a photo of the torn nail. Your vet advises you on cleaning the site, restricting your dog's activity, and watching for things such as an infected appearance or persistent limping that would warrant an office visit.

You send a text message to your vet letting her know that you switched brands of dog food a week ago and your dog has vomited once daily for the past three days. She seems completely normal otherwise. Your vet responds requesting that you discontinue the new food and resume feeding the previous brand. If the vomiting doesn't disappear within a couple of days or any other symptoms develop, bring your dog in for an exam. Your dog has just returned home from a foray in the neighborhood and has a gash on his head. You're wondering whether or not stitches are necessary. You snap a photo of the wound and text it to your veterinary hospital with the question, "Are stitches needed?" The response is, "Yes, please bring your dog in for stitches and don't feed anything between now and then in case anesthesia is needed."

Veterinarian-client-patient relationship

A critical component of telemedicine within the veterinary profession is prior establishment of a veterinarian-

client-patient relationship (VCPR). What this means is that the veterinarian providing the telemedicine service (or another veterinarian within the practice) has already met the animal in person, performed an examination, and established a medical record. The only situations in which telemedicine is condoned without prior establishment of a VCPR are poison control centers calls. In such cases, advice is rendered without any prior hands-on evaluation of the animal.

Advantages and Disadvantages

Telemedicine exchanges between vets have been happening for years. For example, a general practitioner might email x-rays or an electrocardiogram tracing to a specialist for interpretation. Telemedicine exchanges between vets or veterinary staff members and their clients offer several potential advantages some of which include:

- Convenience of timing: an email or text message exchange doesn't rely on both parties being available at the same time
- Avoidance of unnecessary office visits (thereby avoiding unnecessary expense for client and stress for patient)
- Easy exchange of educational materials
- Potential to readily assuage client's worries and concerns
- A convenient way to deliver a progress report on how a patient is doing

Telemedicine is also fraught with disadvantages including:

- Potential to miss something of significance because of lack of "hands on" evaluation

- Mistakes can be made because of lack of a "hands on" evaluation
- Potential challenges in record keeping (transcribing emails and texts into medical records)
- Inability to adequately perceive and address client's emotional needs
- Clients hoping to avoid office visits may abuse the system

Awards
Cindy Chaytor

Awards & Holiday Banquet
Don & Debbie Gotsch

Historian
Open

Hospitality
Monthly Member Rotation

Membership
Nancy Abbott

Programs/Public Education
Tammy Edmundson

2018 Puppy Match
Cindy Chaytor

Referral Service
Pam Weisman
Cindy Riggans
Rick Sinwald

2018 Specialty Show
Cindy Riggans

Spotted Copy
Don Gotsch, Editor
Debbie Gotsch, Co-Editor

Sunshine
Nancy Abbott

Performance
Linda Lombardi, Cindy Chaytor,
and Debbie Gotsch

Lady Maxine's Book of Quotations



The dog has got more fun out of Man than Man has got out of the dog, for the clearly demonstrable reason that Man is the more laughable of the two animals.

James Thurber

Handle every stressful situation like a dog would do. If you can't eat it or hump it, Then piss on it and walk away.

Anonymous

A bone to the dog is not charity. Charity is the bone shared with the dog.

Jack London

Old dogs, like old shoes, are comfortable. They might be a bit out of shape and a little worn around the edges, but they fit us well.

Bonnie Wilcox

There is only one smartest dog in the world, and everybody has it.

Unknown

Birthday Wishes



April, 2018

Vondal's Oscar the Gotsch
4/9/2017 - Don & Debbie Gotsch

Vondal's Freddi
4/9/2017 - Scott & Tammy
Edmundson

Vondal's Sydni
4/9/2017 - Scott & Tammy
Edmundson

Vondal's Mickey
4/9/2017 - Cindy Riggans

Ch Dashing's Fire Flower OAJ CGC
4/10/2007 - Cindy Chaytor

Sparks Fly, I'm a Survivor
4/13/2013 - Greg & Martha
Brown

Zdar n Ivadals B Girl Meant To Be
4/21/2012 - Cindy Riggans

Ch Folklore's Sparkling Star
4/24/2005 - Pam & Steve
Weisman

GCH Cassiopea's Summer in the
Spring
4/29/2005 - Bob & Diana Smith

NON-SPOTTED BIRTHDAYS

Diana Smith - April 9

Alan & Joanne Shupp
April 23, 1988

Send your birthday/anniversary
information to the editor

A Dog's Plea

Treat me kindly my beloved friend, for no heart in all the world is more grateful for kindness than the loving heart of me.

Do not break my spirit with a stick, for though I should lick your hand between blows, your patience and understanding will more quickly teach me the things you would have me learn

Speak to me often, for your voice is the world's sweetest music, as you must know by the fierce wagging of my tail when your footstep falls upon my waiting ear.

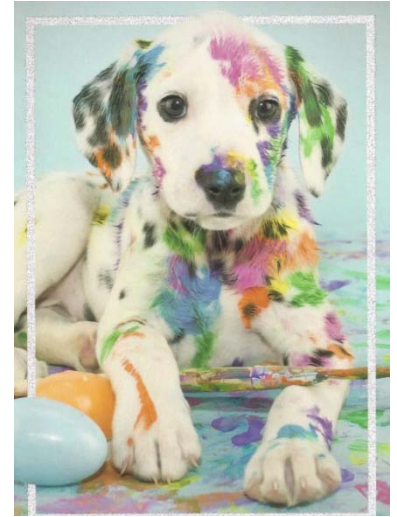
Please take me inside when it is cold and wet for I am a domesticated animal no longer accustomed to bitter elements, and I ask no greater glory than the privilege of sitting at your feet.

Keep my pan filled with fresh water, for I cannot tell you when I suffer thirst.

Feed me clean food that I may stay well to romp and play and do your bidding. To walk by your side and stand ready, willing and able to protect you with my life should yours be in danger

And, my friend, when I am very old, if God sees fit to deprive me of my health and sight, do not turn me away from you. Rather, see that my trusting life is taken gently, only by our Lord, and I shall leave knowing with the last breath I draw that my fate was always safest in your hands.

by Beth Norman



WESTERN RESERVE DALMATIAN CLUB REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2018

Debbie Gotsch opened the meeting at 3:50pm. Roll call was read, with 20 members in attendance.

Greg Brown made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, as they had been printed in the Spotted Copy. Ann Swope seconded. Carried. Nancy Abbott gave the treasurer's report

Nancy brought the Trophy List. Sunshine: Diana Smith had some surgery.

Puppy Match is Saturday June 16, 2018. The conformation judge is Michelle Jarvis and the sweeps judge will be Steve Weisman.

Awards: Cindy Chaytor asked that you attach a copy of the certificate to the awards form. This will help in making the plaques. Such as having the right spelling of the dog's name and the correct titles.

Holiday Party. Sunday December 2, 2018. This will be held at Amechi's on West 130th and 82.

Suggestions for programs: Copper Storage. Shot protocol. Specialty 2018. Cindy Riggans reported that the Spotter ad is

going in the next issue. Cindy Riggans made a motion to place an ad in E-Dals for \$50.00. Linda Lombardi seconded. Carried.

Cindy stated she would like to begin at 8:00am. Working on a menu. Trophies were discussed.

Hospitality. Debbie thanked Pam and Steve Weisman for opening their home for our Pot Luck meeting.

National 2019. Linda Lombardi brought up the Buckeyes. To make them would be cheaper but they are very time consuming. She got prices from Harry London. For 400 Buckeyes it would cost \$144.71. Don Gotsch made a motion to purchase 400 Buckeyes from Harry London. Ann Swope seconded. Carried.

Linda asked if we could sponsor 4 classes at the National. This would be for 4th place. Don Gotsch made a motion to sponsor 4 classes at the 2018 National, Greg Brown seconded. Carried

Debbie Gotsch stated that the Pet Tacular will be May 5, 2018. This will be at the Pentacle Sports Complex in Brunswick. The cost is \$10.00 a table. Tammy Edmundson volunteered.

Nominating Committee: Cindy Riggans is the Chair, Cindy Chaytor, Diane Kompier are members and Ann Swope is the alternate.

Linda Lombardi showed the Logo for the 2019 National. Kathy Szomoru showed some of the logo items we will have in 2019.

Motion to adjourn was made by Greg Brown, Seconded by Linda Lombardi. Carried. The meeting ended at 4:55pm.

Respectfully submitted
Martha Brown, secretary

BRAGS:

Cindy Riggans bragged about Micky. He won a 3 PT Major at the Medina KC Shows. Debbie Gotsch stated that Geeza received her Tricks Title and her Achievement Certificate. Linda Lombardi announced Lizzy received an invitation to AKC Rally Nationals. Cindy Chaytor bragged that Blue finished the following titles: TKN, TKA, TKP. Then her dog Sparkles finished her TKN. And Lily finished her TKN. Tammy Edmundson bragged that Freddy and Sidney received their CGC. Kelsey and Charley finished their Tricks Novice. Scott Edmundson announced that Freddy and Sydney are Mascot dogs for the Silver Wheels Cycling Club.

Dalmatia!



Dalmatia (n) - - A chronic disease which can only be treated by repeated applications of white hair on dark clothing.

Emily Westervelt
Dal Club of GNY, 1987

WRDC 2018 Schedule

January	No meeting
February 17	Board meeting Regular meeting Speakers
March 18	Regular meeting Pot Luck Dinner
April 21	Regular meeting
May 19	Board meeting Regular meeting
June 16	Puppy Match Picnic meeting
July 21	Board Meeting Regular Meeting
August 10	Specialty Show in Oberlin
Sept. 15	Regular meeting
October 20	Regular meeting WRDC Election of Officers
Nov. 17	Board meeting Regular meeting
Dec. 2	Awards Banquet Holiday Party



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Presidents Message

It was nice to see almost everyone at our March meeting. The food was great as usual, thank you again to Steve & Pam for opening up their home to us.

Spring is here and it's very wet and muddy!. Hopefully it will dry out soon.

The Club calendar is coming together, the Puppy match and Specialty shows are both on track.

I am looking into finding speakers for upcoming meetings. Topics of interest include copper storage and new shot and vaccine protocols. I do believe our main focus should be finding new members. Any ideas on how to go about this will be welcome.

Producing a new tri-fold brochure about WRDC and Dalmatians is still in the works. The Pet-Tacular and any meet the breed event can help promote both our breed and our club.

At our last meeting, the Nominating Committee was formed to bring a slate of officer and board candidates to our October elections. If you have not served on the board in a while or find yourself very interested in a position that would benefit the club, please see one of the members of the committee.

Debbie

ODE TO AGILITY

Agility, Agility – a test of one's ability,
My dog can climb, weave, leap and run,
So naturally I join the fun.

Of course, I give it all I've got,
But the dog is agile – and I'm not
She thinks the sport is pretty nifty,
But then she's neither fat nor fitty.

Her enthusiasm can't be beat,
But oh, my back and oh my feet.

While my dog completes the course content,
I seek out the liniment.

Agility, Agility – a test of one's senility

Barbara Strauss VMD



Before Dalmatians I

Never had to fix liver for anything.
Never owed the Vet a dime.
Never told my kids to sit and stay.
Thought a professional handler was an agent for a fighter.
Thought a major was an officer in the Army.
Thought a match was used to light a fire.
Thought "Bitch" was a swear word.
Would come home from a party at 4am, not leave for a dog show.
Had furniture without dog hair on it.
Thought bait was used for fishing.



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**Ch Zdar's Let's Give Them Something to Talk About
 CH, AX, AXJ, CD, BN, RA, CA, TKP, CGC, RD, VA, VAX**

'Blue'

Owned and loved by Cindy Chaytor



DCA Top Spot

Agility

Excellent Jumpers #1

DCA Top Spot

Obedience

Novice Obedience #8

Excellent Standard #6

