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Next Meeting

**Next meeting is
Sunday, September 24**

Fuzz Face & Friends
45960 North Ridge Road,
Amherst, Ohio 44001

Meeting at 3pm
Sloppy Joes, games,
pictures, CGC event at 4pm.

See directions on Page 6

What to Do When Your Pet Gets into Household Toxins.....

NOT SURE IF IT'S TOXIC? ASSUME IT IS.

Life would be much easier if pets could read the words "Warning!" or "Toxic!" on product labels. Then we wouldn't have to worry when a chocolate bar or pack of gum goes missing. But until your pet learns to read, you should learn what to do in the scary event that your pet eats something harmful.

Dr. Tina Wismer, a veterinary toxicologist, is the medical director at the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center, which was founded in 1978 as part of the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Wismer, who is also an adjunct instructor at the college, shares information for pet owners, beginning with the difference between a poison and a toxin. "In general, the two words can be used interchangeably," Dr. Wismer says. "We often consider poisoning a more life-threatening event, while toxicity is used when any level of a substance adversely affects the pet."

Long List of Household Toxins

Most pet owners have been warned that chocolate, rat poison, antifreeze, and gum or candy containing the artificial

sweetener xylitol can be toxic to pets.

Dr. Wismer says that onions, garlic, chewable over-the-counter medicines, and water-proofing sprays are lesser-known household threats to pets. The [ASPCA website describes the potential toxicity](#) of more than three dozen foods, medications, and household products as well as more than 1,000 plants. If you aren't sure if something is dangerous to animals, assume it is until you have a chance to confirm otherwise with your veterinarian. If your pet has managed to eat something dangerous, you should watch for behavioral changes. "Lethargy and agitation are two of the common responses to a toxin," Dr. Wismer says. "The pet may also salivate excessively, whine, or vomit. It all depends on what and how much was consumed."

First Step: Make a Call

If an owner notices anything out of the ordinary, Dr. Wismer says the first response should be to call a veterinarian. "Don't wait," she cautions. "It could be the difference between life and death."

Never try to induce vomiting in your pet at home.

Some toxins can become even more harmful on their way back out, damaging the esophagus or accidentally being inhaled by the distressed pet.

If you think it's an emergency, bring your pet into the ER.

"Expect to be asked questions about what your pet ate, how much was eaten, and when it was eaten," Dr. Wismer says. It's often helpful to bring in the label or wrapper of the product consumed.

Another alternative is to call the poison control helpline. "Expect similar questions to those you would be asked in the ER," Dr. Wismer advises. "They'll ask about health problems the dog could have and they'll determine if they can treat it at home or if the pet should be brought to the veterinarian."

The animal poison control center is well equipped to handle calls from owners. With 21 veterinarians on staff, they receive up to 1,000 calls per day from all over the United States and Canada. It is a useful number to have on the fridge in times of emergencies: (888) 426-4435. (A \$65 consultation fee may be applied to your credit card.)

Watch for Symptoms, Watch Out for Puppies

Dr. Wismer offers some cautionary advice for pet owners. "First of all, not all symptoms show up right away. Symptoms can be delayed hours or even days. For example, it can take 3 to 7 days before signs of toxicity show up in a pet that has eaten rat poison."

She also reminds owners who have an older pet that bringing a puppy into the home requires extra vigilance. "Your new puppy will get into things your old dog does not," she says. "So even if

you already have a dog, it's important to puppy-proof the house for the new arrival."

If you have questions about possible toxins in your home, contact your local veterinarian.

By Danielle Engel

2017 Committees

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Sunshine

Nancy Abbott

Ways & Means

Open

Performance

Linda Lombardi, Cindy Chaytor, and Debbie Gotsch

Birthday Wishes

Happy Birthday..



August, 2017

NON-SPOTTED BIRTHDAYS

Richard & Lesley Sinwald
August 1, 1981

Cindy Riggans – August 6

Greg & Martha Brown
August 14, 1972

September, 2017

Zdar n Ivadal's Enduring Freedom
9/11/2009 – Rick & Lesley Sinwald

Zdar n Ivadal's Colour My World
9/18/2009 – Ann Swope

Zdar n Ivadal's Journey
9/18/2009 – Ann Swope

Zdar Special Package
9/18/2009 – Shannon Pratt

Zdar's n Ivadal Acellerator
9/18/2009 – Cindy Riggans

NON-SPOTTED BIRTHDAYS

Chad Smith – Sept. 5

Velma Deitrick – Sept. 9

Sean & Shannon Pratt
September 24, 2011

Barbara Brandon – Sept. 25

Lesley Sinwald – Sept 25

Scott & Tammy Edmundson
September 26, 1992

Send your birthday/anniversary information to the editor

Lady Maxine's Book of Quotations



Politicians are interested in people. Not that this is a virtue. Fleas are interested in dogs.

P.J. O'Rourke

How many legs does a dog have if you count his tail as a leg? Four.

You can call a tail a leg if you want to, but that doesn't make it a leg.

Abraham Lincoln

Dogs feel very strongly that they should always go with you in the car, in case the need should arise for them to bark violently at nothing right in your ear.

Dave Barry

The only creatures that are evolved enough to convey pure love are dogs and infants.

Johnny Depp

Even a dog knows the difference between being kicked and being stumbled over.

Oliver Wendell Holmes

WESTERN RESERVE DALMATIAN CLUB REGULAR MEETING MINUTES July 15, 2017

The meeting was opened at 7:19 p.m., by President Debbie Gotsch. Roll call was read with 13 members in attendance. Sunshine: Debbie Gotsch stated that Linda Lombardi did have puppies.

Spotted Copy. Don Gotsch announced that the next Spotted Copy will be an August/September edition.

Programs. On Sunday Sept 24, our meeting will be held at Fuzzy Face and Friends. This will be from 3-?. Everyone please bring a dish to pass. There will be tests for CGC, Tricks and Therapy costing \$10.00 each. October program we will have an Audiologist that performs BAER testing.

Specialty: Cindy Riggans stated that the first show begins at 8:00. Please come early for table and ring set up. Please bring a bag of ice and a gallon of water.

Announcements: Frostville Museum is holding a dog event in Olmstead Falls on August 27, 2017.

Rubber City Kennel Club is having a Puppy Match on September 17, 2017. Both conformation and obedience. Cindy Chaytor sent a Thank You for everyone's help at the Puppy Match.

Don Gotsch mentioned that both Tammy Edmundson and Linda Lombardi had puppies and they need to encourage the new owners to come to club meetings.

Don Gotsch made a motion to adjourn, Linda Lombardi seconded. Carried. Meeting ended at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Brown, secretary

BRAGS

Don & Debbie Gotsch got a new puppy, 'Oscar'

Tammy Edmundson announced that all her puppies have found homes.

Pam Weisman took Mia to a show and she acted quite well.

Linda Lombardi announced that Lizzy had 4 girls and 1 boy.



Presidents Message

Our WRDC 2017 Specialty Shows are successfully over, the weather was so much better than last years 92 degrees. One small glitch was the sweeps judge change for the afternoon show, otherwise the shows ran smoothly.

I'd like to say thank you to Ciindy Riggans, Show Chair and Linda Lombardi, our Show Secretary once again. Diane Kompier and Martha Brown did a great job for hospitality. Barb Brandon picked up our judges and brought them to the show grounds and Bob Smith got them back to their hotel. Thank you to all the WRDC members who helped set up and take down for the shows. We couldn't put on back to back specialties without your help.

Looking forward to our next meeting on Sunday, September 24 at "Fuzzface & Friends". It will be nice to have a meeting with our Dal's, it should be fun. Reminder for the next meeting, anyone interested in Board positions should see Linda or Don, or Richard to set up a slate of candidates for next year.

Best to all,
Debbie

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Question ???

If one day you didn't come to work, but sent your dog instead, what would most likely happen?

- a) Nobody would know the difference
- b) The SPCA would cite you for unnecessarily boring a defenseless animal
- c) Your dog would be promoted because he was over qualified for the job.

Tammy Edmondson 2 year,
2019

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Lombardi, Richard
Sinwald, Don Gotsch

As written in the Club's By-Laws and Constitution, additional nominations of eligible members may be made at the September meeting by any member in attendance provided the person so nominated does not decline when his/her name is proposed and is a willing candidate."



Brunch With Charter Member



Nominating Committee

After securing the consent of each person nominated, we list the following candidates for 2017:

President –	Debbie Gotsch
Vice-President –	Lesley Sinwald
Treasurer –	Nancy Abbott
Secretary –	Martha Brown
Board Members:	
Cindy Riggans,	3 year, 2018
Pam Weisman	2 year, 2019
Barbara Brandon	1 year, 2018

A celebratory brunch was held in August with WRDC founding member, Betty Kilfoyle. Attending were Betty's daughters Maureen and Karen as well as members Cindy Riggans, Nancy Abbott, Cindy Chaytor and Barbara Brandon.



WESTERN RESERVE DALMATIAN CLUB

Results of our 63rd and 64th Back-to-Back Specialty Shows on August 11, 2017 in Oberlin, Ohio. Thanks to all the exhibitors and congratulations to all the winners. Thanks to all club members who helped make our shows a success, our judges, and the help from Lorain County Kennel Club.



Morning Show;
Sweeps Judge: Sam Hart

Best Junior Puppy, Best in Sweeps **Dakota Ceol Mor Remy On The Rocks** Owner: Kristine Benoit & Susan Taylor

Best Senior Puppy **Siobahn Flying Fox** Owner: Kieman Meaking & Jeff Gillespie

Best Junior Veteran **Ch Bret D N Engine Co To The Rescue** Owners: Marie Zink, Joanne Shupp & John Bachey

Best Senior Veteran, Best Veteran in Sweeps **Ch Koira Charmed Magic CC, CGC** Owner: Teresa Rooney

Best Junior Showmanship **Katti Maloney** Showing **Gch Ch Engine Co N Bret D Incident Commander Ca, CGC**



Conformation Judge: Claudia Seaberg Entry 10, 9, 2, 2 (6,5)
Actual 9,9,1, 2 (6,4)

WD, BOW **Bret D N Adventureland Star Coach**
Owners: Marie Zink and Karen Tomchek

RWD **Dakota Ceol Mor Remy On The Rocks** Owners: Kristine Benoit & Susan Taylor-Wells

WB **Bret D N Engine Co Golden Girl** Owners: Marie Zink, Joanne Shupp and Kathy Szomoru

RWB **Brightspot Beholder**
Owners: Karen and Ross Hopmans

BOB - **Ch Dakota's Into The Woods** Owners: Mark & Ginger Iwaoka and Kristine Benoit

BOS - **Ch McDottie Words With Friends At Angel's Nest**
Owners: Linda, Greg & Jennifer Gerzanics

Select Dog **Ch Paisleypella A Boy And His Dog** Owner: Patti Pella

Select Bitch **Ch Troika N London's Foreign Affair BN, CD** Owner: Sharon Podleski & Leonard Podleski

AOM **GGCH Ch Koira Consider it Magic CD, BN, MXB, MJB, CC** . Owner: Lynn Luikart



Afternoon Show;
Sweeps Judge: Mark Kocab

Best Junior Puppy, Best in Sweeps **Dakota Ceol Mor Remy On The Rocks** Owners: Kristine Benoit and Susan Taylor-Wills

Best Senior Puppy **Planett's Big Sky CGC** Owners: Jerilyn Zeleski and Mathew Zeleski

Best Junior Veteran, Best Veteran in Sweeps **Ch Bret D N Engine Co To The Rescue**
Owner: Marie Zink, Joanne Shupp and John Bachey





Best Senior Veteran **Ch Koira Charmed Magic CC,CGC**
Owner: Teresa Rooney

Best Junior Showmanship
Katti Maloney Showing **GCH Ch Engine Co N Bret D Incident Commander CA, CG**



Conformation Judge: Rita Walker Entry 9,9,2,2 (6,5)
Actual 7,9,2,2 (6,6)

WD, **Dakota Ceol Mor Remy On The Rocks** Owners: Kristine Benoit and Susan Taylor-Wills

RWD **Engine Co's Flaves Over IvaDal** Owners: Ann Swope and Joanne Shupp

WB,Bow **Brightspot Lexie Lou** Owners: Karen And Ross Hopmans

RWB **Brightspot Beholder**
Owners: Karen And Ross Hopmans

BOB **Ch Dakota's Into The Woods** Owners: Mark & Ginger Iwaoka and Kristine Benoit

BOS **Ch Bret D N Engine Co To The Rescue** Owners: Marie Zink, Joanne Shupp and John Bachey



Select Dog **GCH Bayside's Good Fortune** Owners: Trish Dreby and Karen Moore

Select Bitch **Ch Mc Dottie Words With Friends At Angel's Nest** Owners: Linda, Greg, and Jennifer Gerzanics

AOM **Ch Koira Charmed Magic CC, CGC** Owner: Teresa Rooney



Directions to Sept. 24 Meeting in Amherst

Bring you spotted kiddos dressed for Halloween, costume contest, games, a raffle and prizes. Not to mention plenty of treats for the 2 and 4 legged guests. Feel free to come dressed up too. We will also take Halloween pictures. Tina will be there to test for CGC and trick titles. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Directions

Take 80 west to the Amherst exit. Take a right off of the exit and stay on Rte 58 N until you come to N. Ridge Road make a right and then a left into the office building where The Country Day School and State Farm are located. Follow the side drive down to the lower parking and make a left at the small playground area. We are on the left next to the Country Day School. One door has Total Canine on it and the other has Fuzzface and Friends on it. If you need additional directions please call at [440-653-6341](tel:440-653-6341).

From 90

Take 90 West to the 90/Rte 2 split stay to the right and follow Rte 2 West to the Rt 58 exit. Off the exit ramp take a left going South on Rt 58 (Leavitt Road). Continue South until you come to N. Ridge Road and make a left. We are on the left in the lower level of the Country Day School/ State Farm office building. Follow the driveway to the lower level and make a left at the small playground area into the parking lot where the Daycare is. We are next to the Daycare. Total Canine is in one door and Fuzzface and Friends on the other door.

If using GPS, **use** 45960 North Ridge Road, Amherst, Ohio 44001.

Meeting will begin at 3pm
Sloppy Joes, games, pictures at 4pm.



Introducing a New Pet to Your Senior Dog

Stephanie Gibeault, MSc, CPDT

Adding a new pet to your family can be a balancing act, and if you already have a senior dog, the challenges can be even greater. Older dogs can be set in their ways and less tolerant of the antics of a new dog or cat entering their household. Here are some tips to help make the transition smoother and easier on your senior dog.

1. Recognize that your older dog considers your house and yard as his territory, and he may consider any newcomer to be a trespasser. When bringing home a new dog of any age, try to make the introductions on neutral ground, such as the local park. This will help your senior dog feel interested in the new dog, instead of feeling defensive about an interloper. Start with both dogs on a leash, until you see how things are working out, and if either one seems shy or concerned, feed him treats in the other dog's presence so he comes to associate the other dog with good things.

When introducing a new cat, it's important to go slowly and let the animals get used to each other's smell before they ever see each other. In the beginning, keep them separated, and when you are ready to make the physical introduction, allow your cat to run free but keep your dog on leash.

2. With any new pet in your home, do not leave your older dog and the newcomer alone unsupervised until you are sure of how they will react. Your senior dog may not have the patience for the antics of a younger dog or the teasing of a playful cat. If you need to leave the pets alone, crate one of them or isolate them in separate areas of your home. Once they have established a peaceful relationship, you can leave them together if you feel confident neither will be hurt or annoyed.

3. Remember that your senior dog has bonded with you for many years. Rather than being excited about a new addition to the family, he might feel jealous that he's losing exclusive access to your attention. It's only natural to give your new pet lots of love, but be sure to balance that with focus on your senior dog. Give each animal one-on-one time with human family members. Dogs are creatures of habit, and the more things stay the same, despite a new addition, the happier your senior dog will be. Be cautious with special toys and treats. To combat aggression and jealousy, give high value items while the animals are separated. This allows them to enjoy their treat without being hassled. It's also helpful to do your training while the pets are apart. And don't stop teaching your older dog new behaviors just because a

new pet has entered your home. If you get a new cat, your dog might require special training, such as a strong "leave it" cue that teaches your dog to ignore the cat, while reinforcing good manners. Using "sit" or "down" commands can help set a good example for a new dog in the house.

4. Keep your senior dog entertained. This will help keep him mentally active and young at heart, and therefore a better fit for a new canine playmate. In the case of a new cat, the busier your senior dog is with his own activities, the less the newcomer will bother him. You can hide around the house or yard and encourage your dog to look for you, or hide his favorite toy.

5. Proper nutrition may also help your senior dog stay youthful and playful. Look for dog foods formulated specifically for seniors with beneficial supplements, such as omega-3 fatty acids, antioxidants, and glucosamine. Studies have shown that these oils, along with cognitive stimulation, promote mental sharpness and alertness in older dogs and can potentially boost their activity level and interest in playing, as well as help them cope better with change. All of which would help them better handle the addition of a new housemate.



A Winning Time in St. Louis



Ch Dashing's All Fired Up (Sparkles), AXJ, AX, RA, CGC,VA, earned her Versatility Certificate from the DCA. Breeder-Kila Shephard, owned and loved by Cindy Chaytor



Champion Zdars Let's Give Them Something to Talk About (Blue) RD, AX, AXJ, RA, CD, BN, CGC, VA/VXA, earned her Versatility Certificate & Versatility Certificate Excellent from the DCA. She earned her first double qualifying scores in Masters Jumpers & Standard. She placed third in both agility runs. Breeder Cindy Riggans & Ann Swope. Loved by Cindy Chaytor