

CHOW CHOW CLUB OF CANADA, INC.

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2010

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This has been a very busy quarter as Specialty Show location and judges required significant changes. Our Specialty Show was a great success with an outstanding trophy table courtesy of Minnie Odenkirchen and Christine Farnell-Millman. Not only were the theme and trophies greatly appreciated but the two ladies were able to stay significantly under budget. Corsages with name tags were provided to both judges and ring steward alike.

Herb Williams' 81st birthday coincided with our Specialty Show and we used that opportunity to invite him to our Show and present him with a birthday cake, complete with his picture and a handful (not 81) of candles. Herb used to be an active breeder/owner/handler of Chows and indeed with 75 of them holds a World record for B.I.S.'s for a single Chow. From there he started with his SUPERDOGS Shows which gained World acclaim but always managed to include Chows in his Shows, on dog food labels and Company trucks. In appreciation of his dedication to the canine world and our Chows in particular, our Club offered him a lifetime Achievement award in the form of a laminated plaque with our new Club logo.

Contributions by several members like Joey Natrass (Show Chair), Judy Allen (lunch), Joan Falchuk and Lucy Bender (solicitors of financial contributions), made this show a success, which bodes well for next year's 50th Anniversary Show. Our American participants were impressed and planned to participate in next year's Show again.

We have tentatively secured venues for both Chow day this year and next year's Specialty at no cost to our Club, which promises a successful Anniversary Specialty next year.

The new Web Site design is progressing and the next issue requiring our attention in our present Standard which will have to be reviewed. If any of you have any particular concerns to be addressed, please advice.

*F.P.A. (Paul) Odenkirchen
President*

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

This will be our second issue sent electronically to members. There were no reports of problems with the previous issue, fingers crossed for this time.

Nancy Kay, DVM words of wisdom in the last Newsletter having been well received, we will continue to bring her articles to you.

Specialty results with photographs, together with informative articles and the Directors Corner, await your perusal.

With the onset of warmer weather owners need to use diligence to keep their beloved pets safe during the coming hot, lazy days of summer. Plenty of shade and water when outside.

My thanks to all who contributed to this issue, without your input there would be no Newsletter.

Have a safe and happy summer see you next time, until then, keep that chow flag flying.

Joey Natrass

STOP THAT SCRATCHING

If the sounds of a canine or feline “scratchfest” is interrupting your slumber, or you find yourself snarling, “Stop scratching!” several times a day, chances are you have an allergic pet on your hands. Just as with human hay fever, most dog and cat allergies are the result of an exaggerated immune system response to allergens in the environment such as plant pollens, tree pollens, and mold spores. The scientific name for this inherited allergic condition is atopy or atopic dermatitis. Terriers of any type are notorious atopy sufferers along with Dalmatians, Lhasa Apsos, Shar-peis, Bulldogs, and Labrador Retrievers.

Whereas people are prone to runny nose and eyes, dogs and cats with atopy develop itchy skin, often accompanied by skin and ear infections. Symptoms are initially mild and seasonal, but tend to progress year by year in terms of severity and duration. Fortunately, there are many options for treating atopy

including medicated shampoos, antihistamines, fatty acid supplements, and drugs that alter the immune system's overzealous behavior (cyclosporine, cortisone). Just as for people, desensitization injections can be administered after specific testing is done to determine which allergens are provoking the immune response. Elimination of exposure to the allergens may also be an option (a good excuse to move to Hawaii!).

Some dogs and cats develop allergies to their food. This can result in year round itchy skin, ear infections, and/or gastrointestinal symptoms (vomiting, diarrhea, gassiness). If a food allergy is suspected, your veterinarian will recommend an "elimination food trial." This requires strict adherence (including elimination of your pet's favorite treats) to feeding a novel protein diet for six to eight weeks. There are many such diets to choose from these days that contain duck, rabbit, venison, salmon, and even kangaroo! If the chronic symptoms disappear in response to the diet change, voila, the diagnosis of food allergy has been made. One must then hope that, over time, the animal doesn't develop an allergy to the new diet!

Lastly, some dogs and cats develop an allergy to fleas, more specifically, to the flea's saliva. Whereas many fleas are required to cause most animals to scratch like crazy, for those with a flea allergy, just one bite is all it takes to set off an intensely itchy reaction that can last for days. The best treatment for this allergy is stringent flea control, or relocation to Colorado; fleas don't survive in high altitude locations!

"Tis the season for fleas and seasonal atopy. Do you have an itchy dog or cat on your hands? If so, what will your strategy be to soothe your pet's itch and preserve your sanity?

Best wishes to you and your four-legged family members for abundant good health,

Nancy Kay, DVM

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A LETTER FROM BALOO

Well Minnie and Paul and Kim - I definitely am on an adventure - life is quite different here but I think that I will stay if that is ok with you.

My digs seem to be just fine - when I came home last night, I found a beautiful pen covered with newspapers all laid out straight. I very quickly got that all sorted out and got those

papers fluffed up just the way I prefer - nope not gonna have straight papers!!!

They kept me up oooooowing and aaaahing about something until about 1:30AM and then I went off to sleep with only 2 short whimpers.

This morning, I was alone to play with 4 new toys - they even said they didn't buy me many cause they wanted to take me to the pet store and let me pick out my own!! The man has hooked up a seeing eye that looks at me and when he is away teaching his classes, he can watch me on his computer. Methinks that is invasion of privacy and he might get reported to the SPCA.

This after noon, a woman came by and you wouldn't believe it!!!! She knows about chow rubber bellies and how nicely my ears have been trimmed and she even greeted me with your version of "waggy, waggy, tail, tail"!!!!. She kept talking about how I seemed like I might even be better than some old dog called Onymous!!!! She brought me gifts - a very noisy rubber bug that at first scared me but later I pounced that thing until I got it to submit. She also brought some nice towels for my feet that she sewed. I am a lucky pup!!! To thank her, I nearly pulled her ear off with my teeth but she got all nasty and said no quite strongly to me. I went outside to play and found this green grass stuff all over the yard. It seemed a fun thing to pull it all up with my teeth so I did that for quite awhile. I then decided to chew on some hard crunchy things but they told me that gravel was not on Minnie's diet and they weren't too nice about that either. I then found a big long stick to carry around and that was fun. It was too scary to go into the woods today so I just stayed on the green grass stuff. Some old guy called Erroll is coming to visit tomorrow.

The Cathy lady was ready to phone you today and order one of my friends from Mi-Pao so this Erroll guy will need to talk her out of it fast.

The Cathy woman says I am to go hiking and camping and if I don't get to, then she is going to kidnap me and take me.

So you see, it is a pretty confusing world right now but it is nice. I miss my friends and of course you guys but I think I will be fine!!!

If I want to come home, I will let you know. It is going to be 15 degrees in the next couple of days so it is quite warm for a little fellow and the armpits might get sticky.

There are even pink flowers on the trees here!!!

Baloo

Baloo lives with Ty Koshman in Vancouver, B.C

GARDEN MULCH

Please tell every dog or cat owner you know. Even if you don't have a pet, please pass this to those who do.

Over the weekend, the dotting owner of two young lab mixes purchased Cocoa Mulch from Target to use in their garden.



The dogs loved the way it smelled and it was advertised to keep cats away from their garden. Their dog (Calypso) decided the mulch smelled good enough to eat and devoured a large helping. She vomited a few times which was typical when she eats something new but wasn't acting lethargic in any way. The next day, Mom woke up and took Calypso out for her morning walk . Half way through the

walk, she had a seizure and died instantly.

Although the mulch had NO warnings printed on the label, upon further investigation on the company's web site, this product is HIGHLY toxic to dogs and cats.

Cocoa Mulch is manufactured by Hershey's, and they claim that "It is true that studies have shown that 50% of the dogs that eat Cocoa Mulch can suffer physical harm to a variety of degrees (depending on each individual dog). However, 98% of all dogs won't eat it."

*Snopes site gives the following information:

<http://www.snopes.com/critters/crusader/cocoamulch.asp> *

Cocoa Mulch, which is sold by Home Depot, Foreman's Garden Supply and other Garden supply stores contains a lethal ingredient called 'Theobromine'. It is lethal to dogs and cats. It smells like chocolate and it really attracts dogs. They will ingest this stuff and die. Several deaths already occurred in the last 2-3 weeks.

Theobromine is in all chocolate, especially dark or baker's chocolate which is toxic to dogs. Cocoa bean shells contain potentially toxic quantities of theobromine, a xanthine compound similar in effects to caffeine and theophylline. A dog that ingested a lethal quantity of garden mulch made from cacao bean shells developed severe convulsions and died 17 hours later. Analysis of the stomach contents and the ingested cacao bean shells revealed the presence of lethal amounts of theobromine.



"Miko" 8 week old computer geek!

DOG PARKS (OFF LEASH AREAS)

Recently one of my son's dogs developed Kennel Cough after being exercised in an "off leash area" at the local park. This incident makes me wonder if these areas are a safe place for your family pet?

I'm sure you have your dog(s) protected by vaccination against distemper and parvo but what about kennel cough which is highly contagious, transmitted from dog to dog? Poor Buddy (my son's dog) had not been vaccinated when receiving his initial shots. Buddy spent two miserable weeks coughing and being carefully monitored as Kennel Cough can lead to serious respiratory problems. To prevent spreading this disease to other dogs, Buddy was on house arrest.

What else do owners have to watch out for when exercising in these areas? Fleas and worms are two pests that can be picked up. Examine your dog when grooming for fleas and their eggs. Stool checks by your veterinarian are necessary to determine worm infestation.

If you use these dog exercise areas be alert, prevention is better than cure.



**BIS at the Crocus Kennel Club
Can. Am. Ch. Josol's Titan**

POISON FIRST AID

To induce vomiting - Most Toxins (use only)

1. 3% Hydrogen Peroxide - Three tsps for a dog, give every ten minutes repeated three times.
2. Salt- One quarter to one half tsp placed dry at the back of the tongue.
3. Syrup of Ipecac- 1 tsp per ten lbs of body weight.

Do not induce vomiting if your pet does any of the following

1. Swallows acid, alkali, solvent or heavy duty cleaner.
2. Is severely depressed or comatose.
3. Swallows a petroleum product.
4. Swallows a sharp object (which could lodge in there esophagus or perforates the stomach)
5. If more than two hrs have passes since the poison was ingested.

Plan of Treatment

1. Eliminate the poison, usually by inducing vomiting.
2. Delay absorption by coating the intestinal tract by giving one gm of activated charcoal to 4 cc. water, a tsp per two lbs of body weight.

Thirty minutes later, give Glaubers salt (one tsp per 10 lbs body weight, or milk of Magnesia (one tsp per 5 lbs.)

3. Laxatives to speed elimination of poisons from the body. Never give pets commercial human laxatives other than Milk of Magnesia described above.

Hoping no one ever needs this but is helpful to have on hand or in our grooming kits.

Thank you
Judy Horne

Thanks to Dianne Stein for the article.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

MARITIMES

Spring has truly come to the Maritimes with magnolias and rhododendrons in full bloom but also, unfortunately, black flies! Our show season is in full swing as well: an event that my young Tigger views with considerable regret since it means more frequent baths.

In April, Jacquie Swim and I ventured to Pennsylvania to attend the American chow club's national specialty, accompanied by two of the "herb and spice" sisters, Jacquie's Tarragon and my Tigger (aka Thyme). A very long drive--two days on the road each way, but at least we managed a little therapeutic shopping at Freeport, Maine, en route. I hadn't attended a US national since 2002 so I enjoyed seeing a whole new generation of dogs. I also enjoyed watching the rally obedience since I have been considering that as an activity for

Tiggy and me next winter. A number of Canadians attended the show, including Paul Odenkirchen, Debby Howard, Lynda Lockstein and Wendy Reyn from Ontario as well as Pam Schmied from Manitoba. The US national will not be held this far east for a number of years: in 2011 the show will be held in California and in 2012 in St. Louis so this was an excellent opportunity for us to take part.

Your Maritimes Director - Judith Tulloch
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GREETING FROM ONTARIO

In Eastern Ontario, the beginning of each show season is marked with the Champlain Dog Show, held at the beginning of April in Petawawa. The weather is unpredictable. It is often snowy, cold, damp, rainy, icy or beautiful. This year, it was sunny but quite chilly. The dogs were comfortable.

Most of us come away from dog shows, having learned something. Although the show was small, many lined the aisles and crowded the grooming areas. Spectator after spectator mentioned that this was their first time at a show and it wouldn't be their last. Children were smiling as they stopped and stared at all the dogs.

I was reminded to exercise caution while attending dog shows. Tuffy died this year. I didn't know Tuffy. But I know Tuffy's owner. Many of you will too. I know how much Tuffy's owner cares for her dogs.

Tuffy was a 9.5 year old Pomeranian. He already had some breathing issues. He was a dearly loved member of Brenda Brookes' (Keesbrook) Keeshond family. One of Brenda's Kees, Tina, usually, a strong, healthy 3 year old female, was quite ill for several days, even spiking a fever. Brenda's vet made several house calls over as many days and suspected canine influenza. The effects of this virus combined with Tuffy's previous breathing issues, resulted in him having to be put to sleep less than 12 hours. Increased respiratory inflammation is suspected to have caused his trachea to collapse. This tragedy was entirely preventable.

Brenda's Kees puppy, who was at the Champlain show on the Friday, began coughing within hours of returning home. As a responsible owner, Brenda did not return to the show and called in her veterinarian for a consultation. Her puppy contracted this at the dog show and it has made its way through her kennel. To varying degrees, almost all the dogs have been ill this. Someone brought a dog with this highly contagious illness to the show and Brenda's puppy contracted it and Tuffy died as a result of it.

By telling Tuffy's story, others may be prevented from going through the same tragedy.

Your Ontario Director - Lucy Bender
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REPORT FROM THE PRAIRIES

It is always exciting to see a Chow Chow go to the top of the class. On February 14, Ch. Josol's Titan went Best in Show at the Crocus Obedience and Kennel Club. Congratulations to Titan's owners, Greg and Sylvia Brodsky, and his breeders, Joan and Sol Falchuk. The judge was Narelle Hammond Robertson.

Some disturbing news for those of us who enjoy dog shows: the **Edmonton Kennel Club** has cancelled its fall shows, which were to be held on the Thanksgiving weekend. There were several reasons for this move. The venue (Edmonton Northlands) has become very expensive. Changes to the exhibition grounds have made the parking lots a great distance from the show building. The parking was expensive, \$12 per day. The show entries have steadily been dropping. The Edmonton Kennel Club will now go to a 4 day outdoor show in August of 2011. With the dissolution of the Westerly Dog Club and the Working-Herding Association of Alberta, there are now 7 fewer show dates in Northern Alberta. This is a serious blow to fanciers of purebred dogs.

To celebrate the anniversary of the Chow Club, the Northern Alberta Chow group is planning a booster in 2011. We are still at the initial planning stage, more details and information will appear as our plans take shape.

Have a great spring everyone! Keep those chows, and yourselves, well hydrated!

Your Prairies Director - Sandra Post
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HELLO FROM B.C.

Just a quick word from the West. First I would like to congratulate all the winners of the National. I was told by a very good source that the little bitch that won Best Puppy in Show was a lovely girl. Also was told that the Best of Breed dog was very nice. Also heard that all the dogs had good temperaments. Wish I could have been there.

There have still been no chows showing here in B.C.

Hope everyone is getting ready for the summer, don't forget to keep all your chows cool. Don't know about the rest of Canada but this hasn't been an issue here yet. Some of these last few days it has felt like it could snow. Good luck to all who are showing.

Your B.C. Director - Kitty Egan
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CHOW CHOW CLUB OF CANADA, INC. NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW

On May 8th, 2010 chows and their owners gathered in Thorold, Ontario to attend our National Specialty held in conjunction with the Seaway Kennel Club All Breed Dog Shows. Four sets of points for chows over the weekend was certainly an added attraction.

"Spring" was the theme for the trophy table, and Spring it was with flowers, unique and colourful prizes for the classes (the colour of the prize matched the colour of the award ribbon), attractive and useful prizes from Winners up. Ladies, Minnie and Christine, a job well done and done well. Thank you.

Our Sweepstakes judge, Mrs. Pat Robb, while not having a quantity of puppies entered did have quality. Mrs. Robb judged with gentle consideration for the puppies, for which all exhibitors thank you.

Mrs. Ann Hennigan, B.C. judged all official classes including Altered classes. Mrs. Hennigan stated that she was delighted and honoured to be judging our Specialty. Being a competitor in the Non Sporting Group with her Dalmatians Mrs. Hennigan has been an admirer of chows for many years.

Following the judging, everyone partook of a delicious luncheon for which our appreciation and thanks go to Judy and Michael Allen. Not an easy task to accomplish combined with grooming and showing.

Our raffle was a huge success, in no small part due to Jeff Howard's amazing ability to sell tickets. Not sure what his technique was but it certainly worked. Many thanks Jeff.

Our thanks to Vickie and Ted Barrett of MJN Show Services for their generous contribution towards our ribbons and rosettes. Also our thanks to John Dean, Loyal Foods for donating samples and bags of food to the Specialty exhibitors.

American exhibitors, some new comers, some returning for another year bring their fellowship and support which contributes so much to making our day "Special".

To all the exhibitors and spectators we hope you enjoyed your time with us, going home with fond memories and plans to return next year.

To our special guest, Herb Williams, (who flew in from England to be with us) you were the icing on the cake!

Joey Natrass
Show Chair

2010 SPECIALTY SHOW RESULTS

Junior Puppy Dog

1st - Loclyn's Cinnabon Treat, Lynda Lockstein

Bred By Exhibitor Dog

1st - Chowdown's Why-It, Patricia Mather

2nd - Clos De Lion Saucy Lord Alfred, Lorraine Stramba, Judy & Michael Allen

Open Dog (Rough)

1st - Pocono's Koda Bear, Patricia & Dwight Mather

Winners Dog - Chowdown's Why-It

Reserve - Lochlyn's Cinnabom Treat

Junior Puppy Bitch

1st - Cincere XLNT'Sadie Rose, Cindy Stone, Babara Bakert

2nd - Lionbear's Sierra, Joan Falchuk

12 - 18 Month Bitch

1st - Gemini Jenna of Dre-don, Donald Drennan

Bred By Exhibitor Bitch

1st - Lochlyn's Huy Lee, Lynda Lockstein

2nd - Chum -ee's Angel Of Our Hhearts, Carolsue & Juliann Yaeger

Open Bitch (Rough)

1st - Mayan's XLNT Curious Georgia, Michael & Barbara Bakert.

2nd - Mi-Pao's Caramella Cream, Christine M. Farnell

Winners Bitch - Mayan's XLNT CuriousGeorgia

Reserve - Lochlyn's Huy Lee

Specials

Ch. Cervan's Canadian Smoothie, Lisa McLain

Ch. Bearden Starlet at Clos Lion, Judy & Michael Allen, Lucille Gibney, Dave Foose.

Chum-ee Darklion Special Edition, M. Smart, C.& J. Yaeger, J.Horne

Ch. Dreamland's Star of River Glen, Debby Howard

Ch. Mi-Pao's Mojo, F. Paul A. Odenkirchen

Best of Breed, Best Canadian Bred in Breed - Ch. Mi-Pao's Mojo

Best of Opposite Sex, Best of Winner, Best Puppy in Breed - Mayan's XLNT Curious Georgia

Sexually Altered Male Class

1st - Ch. Loclyn's Noble One, Lisa McLain

2nd - Ch. Chikoo's Murphy's Law, France Dionne, Michell Jasechko

3rd - Ch. Chikoo's Julius Ceasar, France Dionne

Winners Altered Male, Best of Breed Altered - Ch. Loclyn's Noble One

Reserve Winners Altered Male - Ch. Chikoo's Murphy Law



Best of Breed, Best Canadian Bred in Breed



Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex, Best Puppy in Breed

WINNERS OF THE RAFFLE HELD MAY 8, 2010

Linda Dunett, Ontario

Judith Tulloch, Nova Scotia

Lucy Bender, Ontario

John Schlievert, Ontario

Donilda Lackner, Ontario

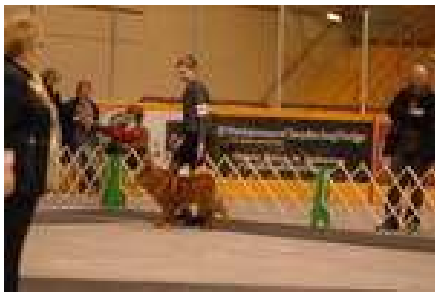
John Phillips, Texas, USA

The Chow Quilt was won by John Schlievert. Herb Williams drew the tickets, if you didn't win blame Herb!

A million thanks to all who participated.



Specialty
Photos
courtesy of
Michael Allen



Trophy Table



ARTICLES FOR SALE

The Chow Chow Club (England) has many Chow Chow items for sale including gold and silver brooches, car stickers, gate signs, fridge magnets, chow horse brasses and many more chow related items.

For prices and postal rates please contact the club secretary:

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