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MARCH MEETING REVIEW. We were off to a rough start when the Civic Center was locked down upon arrival; through phone calls, a staff member arrived and opened up the center so we could have our meeting in a different room. After-the-fact we found that we had not been booked for the 1st, It all worked out thanks to awesome work by City employees to open the building and find a place for us to meet.

CLUB PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY Kate Turpin

(watch for this next month)

CLUB CORRESPONDENCE by Secretary Karen Cherland

Please remember to visit Jack Bradshaw's website for upcoming shows in the west. The premium lists and entry forms are all available on the website.

AKC UPDATES by AKC Legislative Liason Kiley Cabrera

Deceased Judges
Miss R. Suzanne Kinman
Mr. Robert S. Matchett
Mr. Robert C. Thomas

Boston Terrier approved breed standard revision is up for view at

http://www.akc.org/pdfs/about/secretary_page/0311.pdf

The Scottish Terrier and Tibetan Mastiff may be looking at a change to standard as well. The AKC is looking to ways to enrich dogs shows, some of their ideas include:

- Open show proposal
 - AKC Owner handler series
 - Adult handler competitions
- The goal is to make a show more enjoyable for all.

A motion was voted to not approve any additional all breed or group shows for existing clubs while the AKC studies the issue of an increase of shows accompanied by declining entries.

Reserve Best in Show has been pushed back to read in June and vote in September.

There was a discussion on the Discipline Guidelines regarding the violation, "mistreatment of dogs in connection with an event". This will be considered further at the April 2011 meeting.



UNDER THE WEATHER

Richard Lackey fell about a month ago and broke a hip and a shoulder. He is in LaMesa Rehab Center and will be there approximately six more weeks; Stop by and visit him or please try to send him a card. The address is 2470 S. Arizona Avenue Yuma, AZ 85364-8598. The club has sent him flowers and several members have stopped by to visit.

If you know of a member who is Under the Weather, please let Edie Sturdivant know



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE APRIL BIRTHDAYS.:

Loma Clark -----April 9
Margarita Bailey-----April 27
Jacki Toth-----April 29

Note: If you had a birthday and are not listed, or if the date is incorrect, please let Edie Sturdivant know to correct our listing.

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

Tips from a Dog Groomer



On the inside trim

To most of us, dog coats are somewhat of a mystery—sometimes a very matted and messy mystery. Whether they're long and fluffy, short and course, or single- or double-coated, there's a proper way to groom dogs' coats to keep them looking their best.

We didn't have all the answers to the ins and outs of dog grooming, so we asked an expert: Corinne Wahl of Dogwood Days in Hoboken, NJ. Corinne is a professionally educated and trained pet stylist, and she let us in on the inside trim of the grooming experience—from what you can do in between grooming appointments to ways to enhance your visits to the groomer.

At-home grooming essentials

Proper grooming is really a vital part of your dog's health and wellbeing, and helping clients take the best care of their dogs is always Corinne's #1 goal.

We asked her what everyday dog owners can do at home, in between professional grooming, to keep their dogs' coats up to snuff.

The tools

There are three basic tools for maintaining a freshly groomed coat: a comb, a brush, and a rubber brush.



For long coats, a half wide-tooth, half fine-tooth comb should be your primary tool. Use with a slicker or dematting brush to help keep your long-coated dog fluffy and knot free.



For short coats, a rubber brush will be your primary tool. Use it with a deshedding tool to remove under coat, and finish up with a comb for a wonderfully smooth and shiny result.



The brushing

Pick a pattern and follow it over your dog. Try starting on the right hip and work down to the foot. Then move to the neck and work across the back and down the side. Then brush the front right leg, under chin, chest, and start the pattern over on the left side. Save the tail and head for last.

Corinne suggests that if you like to bathe your dog at home, try combing the knots out while the hair is wet. It is easier to see exactly the size and



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location of the mats. When towel drying, pat, don't rub, the coat dry. Rubbing aids in the formation of mats. If you dry your dog with knots left in, they will tighten, forming more mats. If mats are left unattended, they cause discomfort, irritation, and can be very dangerous to remove.

Nail trimming

Probably the most disheartening duty of pet grooming is nail trimming. Corinne uses a motor-operated grinder, which allows her to work the nail down slowly. The dog's reaction tells her when she's close to the quick. For those of us at home with ol' fashioned clippers, it can be hard to gauge the right spot to clip, and if you clip to close, you cut into the quick which bleeds and causes your best buddy pain.

It's most common to use styptic powder on a pet's bleeding nail. Corinne also reported that, "Cornstarch or flour helps stop bleeding nails if you don't have a styptic powder or gel. To staunch the bleeding, hold the powder to the nail and apply pressure. Keep an eye on those nails, though, the bleeding may resume if the nail scratches a rough service."

At the groomer's

- Does your dog have any medical conditions, food allergies, ever had a seizure, or need medication?
- Have you ever been informed of bad behavior at a previous groomer?
- Does your dog have sensitive feet? Hates getting wet? Freaks out with the dryer?

This information helps your groomer give your dog special attention it needs or make necessary accommodations for your visit. Also, make sure your groomer has your current contact information, so they can get in touch with you in case of an emergency. Happy grooming!

Above article from Home Again March Newsletter contributed by Edie Sturdivant.

WOOF REPORT - ACTIVITIES by Pauline Weiland, Activities Chair

The Humane Society did a marvelous Bar-B-que for us at Gateway Park. They even ordered a YKC cake. A special thank-you to our Humane

Society YKC members. Cookie and Loma are very committed to saving every animal possible that comes through HSOY doors. HSOY Director Sean Smith is always a pleasure to share company with. Sean went out of his way to make our Bar-B-Que a success. We raffled 2 \$35 Old Navy Gift Cards.

Margarita Baily and Paula Benzel won.

Our Desert Rose Easter parade is just around the corner. Sign-ups will be passed around club meeting this month.

Do you plan to participate? with or without a dog.... The date is April 23rd. You will need to arrive between 11 and 11:15 AM so the show can start promptly at 11:30. You can showcase your canine in their best dressed get-up, and bring a smile to a retired senior for Easter.

Also we continue our Stroll Sniff and Pee Walks, at Smucker Park...9AM on Tuesday and 6PM on Thursday.

Something to bark at in the future is a Colorado River Floatdown and Potluck. You can have the Colorado River Tubing Company drop you and your pooch off for a small fee, you can start at Gateway, as we wait for the others to make that destination. Or if you don't feel like getting wet, you can wait at West Wetlands for everyone to arrive for Potluck. That is coming up end of June.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION (Karen Cherland): The scholarship committee will be meeting early next week to discuss the applications, so far we have only rec'd one High School applicant,

SHOW REPORT (Edie Sturdivant): We have all our judges selected for our 2011 show. I will be completing our on-line application with AKC in the next few weeks. Please consider how you can help our annual show by chairing a function. We currently need someone to be Assistant Vendor Chair this year, and then take over the Vendors in



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2012. Karen Cherland has this down to a science and it will be easy to handle this role.

I also need someone to coordinate the following:

- Judges' Luncheon
- Concession vendor
- Host (announcer) Table
- Trophy Sales
- Catalog Ads

If you have any interest in any of these tasks, please get with me as soon as possible. You don't have to do it all, but I do need someone to coordinate these areas.

(Watch for more committee reports in upcoming issues)

RES-Q REPORT. I am the rescue contact person for our Kennel Club. I am very active with RAG of AZ, Rescue a Golden of Arizona, which is a total volunteer non-profit organization devoted to rescue and placement of purebred Golden Retrievers. We do not require AKC papers, but we will not take a golden that appears to be a mix; there are others rescues that will. We will accept any age, medical condition, etc. pure golden that is not aggressive; We bring them in all over the state of Arizona and place them all over the state. First of all, if any of you are involved in a breed rescue, please let me know that. I have a list of all Arizona rescues from CABRA (Coalition of All Breed Rescue of Arizona, but would love to know what organizations in you are involved,

Below is a "joke" that lists the reasons rescue organizations hear when someone contacts us to surrender their dog.

A RESCUERS ANSWERING MACHINE

Hello: You have reached 123-4567, Tender Hearts Rescue. Due to the high volume of calls we have been receiving, please listen closely to the following options and choose the one that best describes you or your situation:

Press 1 if you have a 10-year-old dog and your 15-

year-old son has suddenly become allergic and you need to find the dog a new home right away.

Press 2 if you are moving today and need to immediately place your 150 pound, 8-year-old dog.

Press 3 if you have three dogs, had a baby and want to get rid of your dogs because you are the only person in the world to have a baby and dogs at the same time.

Press 4 if you just got a brand new puppy and your old dog is having problems adjusting so you want to get rid of the old one right away.

Press 5 if your little puppy has grown up and is no longer small and cute and you want to trade it in for a new model.

Press 6 if you want an unpaid volunteer to come to your home TODAY and pick up the dog you no longer want.

Press 7 if you have been feeding and caring for a "stray" for the last three years, are moving and suddenly determine it's not your dog.

Press 8 if your dog is sick and needs a vet but you need the money for your vacation.

Press 9 if you are elderly and want to adopt a cute puppy who is not active and is going to outlive you.

Press 10 if your relative has died and you don't want to care for their elderly dog because it doesn't fit your lifestyle.

Press 14 if you are calling at 6 a.m. to make sure you wake me up before I have to go to work so you can drop a dog off on your way to work.

Press 15 to leave us an anonymous garbled message, letting us know you have left a dog in our yard in the middle of January, which is in fact, better than just leaving the dog with no message.

Press 16 if you are going to get angry because we



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are not going to take your dog that you have had for fifteen years, because it is not our responsibility.

Press 17 if you are going to threaten to take your ten year old dog to be euthanized because I won't take it.

Press 18 if you're going to get angry because the volunteers had the audacity to go on vacation and leave the dogs in care of a trusted volunteer who is not authorized to take your personal pet.

Press 19 if you want one of our PERFECTLY trained, housebroken, kid and cat friendly purebred dogs that we have an abundance of.

Press 20 if you want us to take your dog that has a slight aggression problem, i.e. has only bitten a few people and killed your neighbor's cats.

Press 21 if you have already called once and been told we don't take personal surrenders but thought you would get a different person this time with a different answer.

Press 22 if you want us to use space that would go to a stray to board your personal dog while you are on vacation, free of charge, of course.

Press 23 if it is Christmas Eve or Easter morning and you want me to deliver an eight week old puppy to your house by 6:30 am before your kids wake up.

Press 24 if you have bought your children a duckling, chick or baby bunny for Easter and it is now Christmas and no longer cute.

Press 25 if you want us to take your female dog who has already had ten litters, but we can't spay her because she is pregnant again and it is against your religion.

Press 26 if you're lying to make one of our younger volunteers feel bad and take your personal pet off your hands.

Press 27 if your cat is biting and not using the litter box because it is declawed, but are not willing to accept the responsibility that the cat's behavior is altered because of your nice furniture.

Press 28 if your two year old male dog is marking all over your house but you just haven't gotten around to having him neutered.

Press 29 if you previously had an outdoor only dog and are calling because she is suddenly pregnant.

Press 30 if you have done "everything" to housebreak your dog and have had no success but you don't want to crate the dog because it is cruel.

Press 31 if you didn't listen to the message asking for an evening phone number and you left your work number when all volunteers are also working and you are angry because no one called you back.

Press 32 if you need a puppy immediately and cannot wait because today is your daughter's birthday and you forgot when she was born.

Press 33 if your dog's coat doesn't match your new furniture and you need a different color or breed.

Press 34 if your new love doesn't like your dog and you are too stupid to get rid of the new friend (who will dump you in the next month anyway) instead of the dog.

Press 35 if you went through all these 'options' and didn't hear enough. This press will connect you to the sounds of tears being shed by one of our volunteers who is holding a discarded old dog while the vet mercifully frees him from the grief of missing his family.

~Author Unknown

Edie's comment: Unfortunately we have almost all of these "excuses" In fact, last week I did intake on two goldens, one 10 months, the other just turned one year; the families kept telling me how



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dearly they loved their golden and how much they hated to turn over the dog; however, in both instances, these young goldens had never been to a vet and had no shots since the puppy shots the breeder gave them - we do ask if the breeder has a return policy - in one case the dog has always lived outside, never been allowed in the home, and they are irritated when the dog jumps up for attention when they go into the back yard to grill - apparently the only time the golden got any attention.



Here are some good links to videos that are dog-related. Some are amazing, others funny; when you look at the car commercial, look at all the other ones listed at the right-hand side of the page. Brooke, in one of them the cat comes out ahead.

Hilarious car commercials:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bRw3EeQ20J8&feature=related>

(This is the site with the other videos listed to the right-hand side)

A dog's best friend:

<http://5thworld.com/Paradigm/Postings!/Wisdom/OrangutanAndHound.html>

Golden and fawn:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OB8qRjMC8lo>

(In this video the golden owner states that her dog won't come to her - when you listen you can figure out why).

Who is Guilty?

<http://maniacworld.com/which-is-the-guilty-dog.html>

Ten top ways to tell if Martha Stewart is stalking your dog

10. There's potpourri hanging from his/her collar.
 9. The dog's nails have been cut with pinking shears.
 8. The dog toys are all stored in McCoy crocks.
 7. The pooper scooper has been decorated with raffia bows.
 6. That telltale lemon slice in the new silver water bowl.
 5. You find liver and whole wheat dog treats stamped out with copper cookie cutters and decorated with royal icing using a #2 rosette tip.
 4. Dog hair has been collected and put into wire baskets for nesting material for the birds.
 3. A seasonally appropriate grapevine wreath adorns the front of your dog's crate.
 2. Your dog goes outside naked and comes in wearing a thyme colored virgin wool hand-knitted sweater with matching boots.
- AND THE NUMBER ONE WAY YOU KNOW THAT MARTHA STEWART IS STALKING YOUR DOG IS...**

1. The dog droppings in your backyard have been sculpted into swans.

(Contributed by Karen Cherland)

COOKING FOR CANINES

Note: Please submit your favorite (or maybe your dog's favorite) recipe to Edie to be included in our next newsletter.

HUMANE SOCIETY OF YUMA WISH LIST

Cat litter (non-clumping)
Fabric softener
Dryer sheets
Solid pumpkin in cans
Baby wipes
Puppy training pads
Pedialyte
Kitten bottles
Blankets
Towels
Bleach
Laundry soap
Empty water or small Gatorade bottles

Members: If you can bring your items to the meetings, we will be sure they are delivered to the HSOY.



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As mentioned in the Woof Activities Report, we had a great time at the March 20th BBQ put on by Humane Society FurBall staff, held at the Gateway Park. If you didn't make it you missed a great meal and good company. We had left-over meat, so Kate Turpin graciously agreed to take it home and freeze it for another one of our outdoor future events.

