



THE POODLE SCENE



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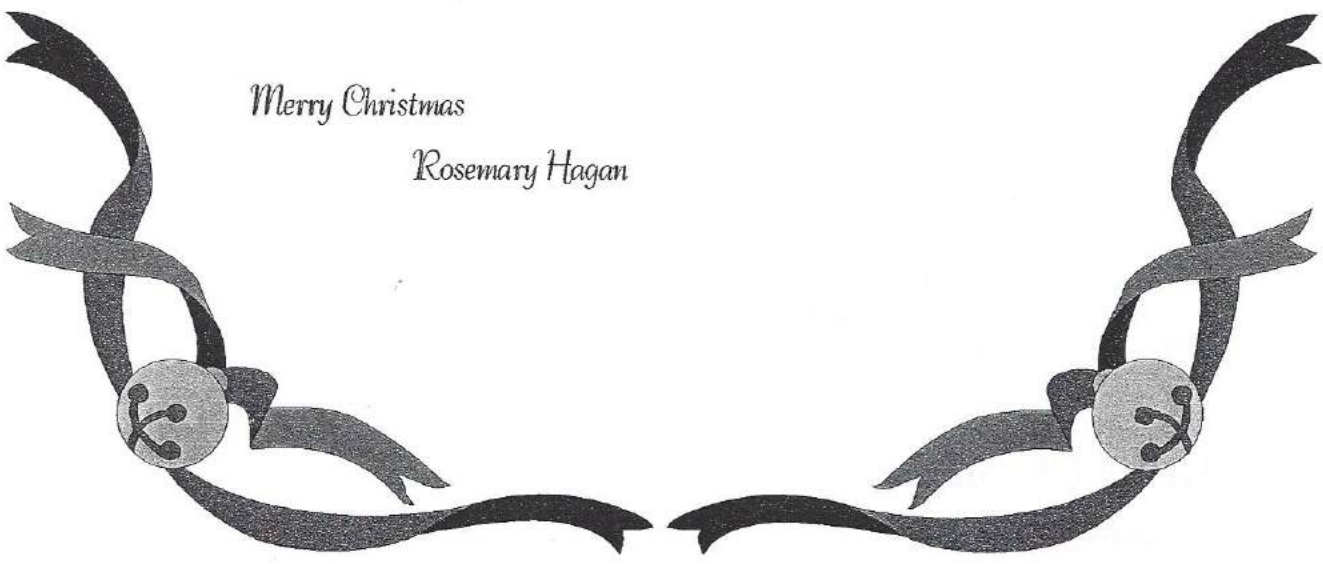


MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas will soon be upon us and, with it, thoughts of the New Year to come with plans and dreams. One of the dreams that I have, as President of the Poodle Club Of Canada, is that the members will draw closer together in their one common thread, their love of Poodles, and share a little more in their knowledge and concerns so that we all can learn from each other and strengthen the Club that we are working very hard to preserve and develop. It is my hope that 2002 will be a banner year.

Merry Christmas

Rosemary Hagan



SECRETARY'S NOTES

As you can see this is just a brief newsletter to wish you a Merry Christmas and keep you posted until the New Year. This will give me time to organize a newsletter with all the extras. So please send in you're ideas for the newsletter and any whelping box advertisements.

The Poodle Club Of Canada Booster was held on Dec 1st, 2001. Things were a little confusing at first but on the whole we all had fun. I enjoyed handing out the trophies with the ring steward and taking photographs. There were quite a few members present Cheryl Ingwersen and Heather Buchanan were seen shopping. I don't think Elaine Whitney stopped running all weekend. Lisa Lefebvre was there showing her senior puppy bitch (Paris) Sanvar's Dream Vacation. Michelle Scott was doing obedience with (Storm) Ch Brielle's High Winds.

Many other members that had their dogs entered were:

*Nathalie Fournelle's Standard specials CH Cornouailles Black Gold
Ora Marcus's Standard open bitch now Ch Ormar Black Moon Risin
Carolyn Savage's Standard senior puppy bitch now Ch Denali's Dazzling Lexus
Anne Bell's Standard senior puppy bitch Sanvar's Country Music Star
Marilyn Westphal & Tod Patterson's Miniature junior puppy bitch Lyn-del Ravendune Slow Dance
Cathy Civeri's Toy Specials Ch Cavri Navereau Desperado*

RESULTS

STANDARD POODLES

BB CH Dawin Heaven Sent
BOS, WB Sanvar's Dream Vacation
BW, WD, BP Torbec Adores Dior

MINIATURE POODLES

BB CH Sincerely Born In The USA
BOS Lyn-Del Ravendune Slow Dance
BW, BP Noel's Taylor Made

TOY POODLES

BB Ch Cavri Navereau Desperado
BOS Cin-Don Yesterday Once More
BP Wiladon Joed's Silver Lining

Merry Christmas
Carolyn Savage

HOLIDAY'S CAN BE HAZARDOUS

I am sure all of us would rather have a visit with Santa than a visit with our vet, but every year we hear stories of holiday mishaps with our pets.

At this time of year tempting food is everywhere.... roast turkeys and hams, cookies, candies and cakes. Be sure to warn the youngsters and family members not to treat the family pooch. Chocolate, consumed in large quantities, is dangerous and can be fatal. Don't even consider letting your pets be your recyclers. Large amounts of leftover fat or greasy scraps may induce intestinal upset in dogs.

"Linear enteric foreign body" is a veterinary term for a string caught in your pets intestinal tract. Surgery is required to save your pet's life. Dispose of all twine carefully. The type of tinsel on the market these days is not as harmful to your pets intestines as it used to be, most will pass without any damage.

Be sure to secure your Christmas tree. Be sure your pet won't be tempted to drink the water from the tree stand. Many chemicals added to the tree for lasting stability may be toxic. Those tasty pine needles can cause vomiting and diarrhea. Don't use edibles ornaments such as popcorn and cranberries on a string or even candy canes.

Electric shock and electrocution can be avoided by running the electrical cord through rubber or heavy plastic tubing.

Mistletoe and Holly berries are poisonous – and yes your pet will try and sample them if they are within reach. Poinsettias are not poisonous, but they can cause cramping and diarrhea.

Just use a little extra caution and be aware of things that dangle or are within reach of these nosey critters.

REMINDER

Annual eye clinic with Dr. Dave Wilkie will be held at Dorian Kennels in North Gower on Friday April 21st, Saturday April 22nd and Sunday April 23rd. For information and to schedule appointments call Rita at 613-733-3364 starting February 1st.

Thank you very much Leslie Wood

DOG SHOW PEOPLE

*Are a special breed not usually recognized by the CKC
Think everyone has crates in their living room
Have messy houses. Their kennels are spotless
Can always find a show catalogue within arm's reach
Drive trucks, vans, and station wagons specially equipped to haul dog crates
Can never be reached on a weekend. They are usually at a dog show
Will drive 400km, spend hundreds on gas, \$200 on a motel room and
\$150 on meals to bring home a 25-cent ribbon
Have battered lawns and chewed up brooms
Get up at 6am to walk the dogs, can be at ringside dressed to kill at 8am
But have trouble getting to work on time
Never miss a closing date for entry fees but pay the mortgage ten days late
Use dog food bags for garbage bags and 30gallon trashcans for dog food
Talk for hours on the phone to another dog person
In a language known only to dog people
Have parents that think they have lost your minds
Have neighbors who think they are strange
Have doggie friends who think they are terrific*

YOU KNOW YOU ARE A DOG OWNER WHEN

*You don't mind the snoring
You sign your cards "from the dogs"
Your husband tells you to move over in the bed
So one more dog can fit in
When you refer to the dogs as your children
And for the men
When there is more hair on your shirts
Than your heads*

Your help is needed for the Poodle Epilepsy Project

Everyone:

We are entering the gift-giving season and this is a reminder to please keep the Poodle Epilepsy Project on your list for donations before the end of the year. Please feel free to cross-post the information below and to include it in your club newsletters. Each and every donation is greatly appreciated.

Since 1996 at Florida State University, Dr. Barbara Licht has worked to establish the mode of inheritance of Poodle epilepsy. In order for Dr. Licht to continue her research, the Board of Directors of Versatility in Poodles (VIP) has authorized the establishment of a fund-raising campaign. Many of you already recognize Dr. Licht and will remember how attentive she has been on the Poodle Support Group (PSG) list to persons whose Poodles began having seizures. Dr. Licht is approachable to the lay person, offering help and guidance to many Poodle owners. In addition, Dr. Licht also owns Poodles.

Dr. Licht needs a minimum of \$8,000 to continue her research. These funds will allow her to complete the analyses of two large families of Poodles and to add to the analysis of the one family that is complete. This research promises to establish the mode of inheritance of epilepsy in the Poodle.

According to Dr. Grace Blair, President of VIP, "It is necessary to know the mode of inheritance of epilepsy before DNA analysis can begin. There are several other breed epilepsy projects ongoing at present and it is possible that once the mode of inheritance is known, our Poodle data can be combined with data from another breed into a project already underway. It is possible that many breeds have the same

genetic defect which causes or contributes to epilepsy."

If you have been in Poodles for very long, you have likely had an epileptic Poodle or a friend with one. Although medications can often control the seizures, the medications do not do away with the problem--epilepsy is always in the background, lurking, and the medications can have serious side effects. Funding Dr. Licht's research will bring us a step closer to a DNA test for epilepsy.

Now we are asking for the Poodle-owning public to help in raising these needed funds. VIP and Dr. Licht will greatly appreciate any donation. Unless the donor wishes to remain anonymous, donations of \$50.00 or more will be acknowledged in the VIP newsletter. Donations are tax deductible under the VIP 501c-(3) nonprofit status. Florida State University is kindly waiving overhead charges for this research project, and there are no overhead charges from VIP. Your entire donation will go to fund the completion of this project.

Memorial donations are welcomed, as are contributions in honor of a person or dog. Donations from individuals, like yourself, and clubs will allow Dr. Licht's research to continue. Foreign donors should make their funds in U.S. dollars, except for Canadians. Note at the bottom of your check that the donation is for the Poodle Epilepsy Project. Donations may be sent to the following address:

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Treasurer, Versatility in Poodles
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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Cathy Rainer
Chair, VIP Health and Education Committee

SANVAR POODLES

DOES IT AGAIN



5PT MAJOR FIRST WEEKEND OUT

FLASH TWIN SISTER TAKES
BEST PUPPY IN SHOW UNDER
MRS ANN ROGERS CLARK

RECIPE CORNER

XMAS DOGGIE LOAF

1lb lean or extra lean ground beef, chicken or turkey
1med onion (grated)
1cup cooked rice
2 eggs
3 carrots
1 1/2 cups other veggies (peas, chopped celery, green or yellow beans, or left over veg)
Oregano and garlic if you wish
Bake at 350 degrees f for 30 min or until set.
Yield: 1- 9" X 9" pan
 Or 1- medium size loaf
 Or individual meatballs

MOTHER'S DOG COOKIES

4 cups whole wheat flour
1/3 cp powdered milk
3/4 tsp baking powder
1 egg (beaten)
1 10oz can of beef consomme
2tbsp bacon fat or oil
1tbsp cod liver oil (optional)

Combine dry ingredients. Add remaining ingredients. Mix well and knead. Roll out 1/2" thick and cut into dog bones. Place on greased cookie sheet. Prick with fork. Bake for 40 min @ 375 degrees F. Leave in oven at lowest temperature to harden (at least 2 hours).

RECIPE FOR GIVING

To your enemy, forgiveness
To an opponent, tolerance
To a friend, your heart

A Puppy's 12 Days of Christmas

Be sure to read down to Day 12

On the first day of Christmas my puppy gave to me
The Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the second day of Christmas my puppy gave to me
Two leaking bubble lights
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the third day of Christmas my puppy gave to me
Three punctured ornaments
Two leaking bubble lights
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the fourth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me
Four broken window candles
Three punctured ornaments
Two leaking bubble lights
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the fifth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me
Five chewed-up stockings
Four broken window candles
Three punctured ornaments
Two leaking bubble lights
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the sixth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me
Six yards of soggy ribbon
Five chewed-up stockings
Four broken window candles
Three punctured ornaments
Two leaking bubble lights
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the seventh day of Christmas my puppy gave to me
Seven scraps of wrapping paper
Six yards of soggy ribbon
Five chewed-up stockings
Four broken window candles
Three punctured ornaments
Two leaking bubble lights
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the eighth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me

Eight tiny reindeer fragments

Six yards of soggy ribbon
Five chewed-up stockings
Four broken window candles
Three punctured ornaments
Two leaking bubble lights
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the ninth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me
My wreath in nine pieces
Eight tiny reindeer fragments
Seven scraps of wrapping paper
Six yards of soggy ribbon
Five chewed-up stockings
Four broken window candles
Three punctured ornaments
Two leaking bubble lights
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the tenth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me
Ten Christmas cards I shoulda mailed
My wreath in nine pieces
Eight tiny reindeer fragments
Seven scraps of wrapping paper
Six yards of soggy ribbon
Five chewed-up stockings
Four broken window candles
Three punctured ornaments
Two leaking bubble lights
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the eleventh day of Christmas my puppy gave to me
Eleven unwrapped presents
Ten Christmas cards I shoulda mailed
My wreath in nine pieces
Eight tiny reindeer fragments
Seven scraps of wrapping paper
Six yards of soggy ribbon
Five chewed-up stockings
Four broken window candles
Three punctured ornaments
Two leaking bubble lights
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the twelfth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me
A dozen puppy kisses
And I forgot all about the other eleven days.

COTTON BALL REMEDY

What do you do if your puppy (or mischievous older dog) gets into your holiday decorations and eats some of the glass ornaments? This potentially lethal mishap can darken even the brightest holiday season.

THE PROCEDURE

BEFORE the holidays go to a pharmacy and buy a box of cotton balls. Be sure that you get COTTON balls...not the cosmetic puffs that are made from man-made fibers. Also, buy a quart of half-and-half coffee cream and put it in the freezer. Should your dog eat glass ornaments.

Defrost the half-and-half and pour some in a bowl. Dip cotton balls into the cream and feed them to your dog. Dogs under 10 lbs should eat 2 balls which you have first torn into smaller pieces. Dogs 10-50 lbs should eat 3-5 balls and larger dogs should eat 5-7. You may feed larger dogs an entire cotton ball at once. Dogs seem to really like these strange treats and eat them readily.

As the cotton works its way through the digestive tract it will find all the glass pieces and wrap itself around them. Even the teeniest shards of glass will be caught and wrapped in the cotton fibers and the cotton will protect the intestines from damage by the glass.

Your dog's stools will be really weird for a few days and you will have to be careful to check for fresh blood or a tarry appearance to the stool. If either of the latter symptoms appears, you should rush your dog to the vet for a checkup but, in most cases, the dogs will be just fine.

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REMINDER FOR NEXT MEETING

Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:15 pm at Rosemary Hagan's house and all members are welcome. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday February 12th, 2002 hoping to see you there.



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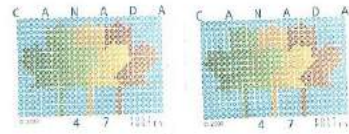
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