



CAPE COD KENNEL CLUB

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From your Editor

What a month!!! We had a wonderful turnout at the Member's Match. The results are in this issue of the newsletter.

Thank you to all who have been willing to foster Joan Martin's dogs. She appreciates all your help.

The board of directors and show committee wants to say Thank You for your cooperation during the last minute changes we had with the trophy donations. We have tried to accommodate all who donated.

Don't forget our Sanctioned Match is June 9th at Upper Cape Regional Tech in Bourne. We will have more information in the next issue of the newsletter.

See you all at the general meeting.

Cynthia

BREEDER REFERRAL

If you want to be listed on the breeder referral list, please contact Janice at jbalt@comcast.net or call (508) 394-1272.

Also, please contact Donna Martino at dpmartino@comcast.net to be listed on the breeder referral list on our website.

Deadline

Any articles/brags for the June Newsletter must be received by the Editor by 05/20/07.

Upcoming Meetings

May 7, 2007

General Meeting @ Imbi's Dog Friends Co-op, at 7 p.m

Program: Barnstable County Sheriff's Department K9 Demonstration

June 9, 2007

Sanctioned Match @ Upper Cape Regional Technical School, Bourne, MA

July 2007

Steward's Clinic—Part 1

August 2007

Stewards Clinic—Part 2

Annual Cookout

September 14-17, 2007

Cranberry Cluster

October 19-21, 2007

CCKC Agility Trial

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Canine Brags

Helyne Medeiros's BIS Ch. Dobe's Den Point Becky owned & handled by Helyne Medeiros was Group 1 at Rockland County KC, Group 3 at Wallkill KC, Group 3 & Group 1 at the Rockland County KC shows and at the Syracuse shows won all 4 Breeds and went onto a Group 2, 3, & 4. BISS Ch. Cookieland Seasyde Hollyberry, Pointer owned by Helyne Medeiros, at the PCOCNJ Specialty at new Brunswick Kennel Club, Inc., went Best In Sweepstakes and Best in Specialty and Group 3 the first time out as a special. Also, she got a Group 2 at Rhode Island Kennel Club, Inc. MBIS & MBISS Sh. Ch. & NZ Grand Ch. Chesterhope Lets Be Serious at Kanix, a Pointer sired by Helyne Medeiros's Lord Jim was Best of Breed and Group 3 at Crufts.

Pat Evans's French Bulldog, Gradon's Louis D'Or (Louie), attained his championship title at the St. Petersburg K.C. shows on March 31st and April 1st with back-to-back four-point majors. He finished with all majors, three four-point.. Every show here in Florida is a major in Frenchies.

Jackie Owens' Aussie, Maine-Ly Troubador's Noel AKC/ASCA CD, CGC, FFX-OG (Jingles) placed first with a 192 in Open A. In Novice B, her Aussie, Troubador's Wilmeth Gamble CD, CGC, FFX-OG (Buster) placed second with a 195, at the Australian Shepherd Club Trial on March 18, held at Silver City, Taunton Ma.

Health Topics Wanted

This year I would like to have more on health topics in the newsletter. Articles can be sent to me. Or do you have a particular health question you would like answered? Send me the question at capecodkennelclub@verizon.net and we will get it answered for you.

Training Classes

The schedule is as follows:

SCHEDULE:

6:00 p.m. Basic Obedience—7 weeks

6:30 p.m. Puppy Kindergarten—5 weeks

6:45 p.m. Intermediate Drop-in

7:30 p.m. Attention (7 weeks) Includes theory (how a dog learns), attention games, how to motivate your dog, attention in heel position progressing into attention while moving, introduction to sit stay and down stay, introduction to front.)

8:15 p.m. Show Handling Drop-In

AGILITY:

Imbi's Dog Friends Co-op, West Yarmouth

6:30 p.m. Foundation 1 – 6 weeks

7:45 p.m. Foundation 2 – 6 weeks

Sea Horse Farm, Harwich

6:30 p.m. Teamwork 1 – 6 weeks

6:30 p.m. Handling Skills – 6 weeks

7:45 p.m. Teamwork 2 – 6 weeks

7:45 p.m. Course Skills – 6 weeks

COST:

Basic Obedience: \$85 non-members/\$80 members

Puppy Kindergarten: \$60

Utility: \$85 non-members/\$80 members

Drop-In Classes: \$7 non-members/ \$5 members

Foundation Agility @ Imbi's: \$95 non-members/\$90 members

Agility @ Sea Horse Farm: \$90 non-members/\$85 members

Next class starting dates:

Basic 5/207

Puppy Kindergarten 5/2/07

ATOPY

Atopy or atopic dermatitis is a fancy term to describe skin allergies in dogs that are caused from exposure to environmental allergens. It is somewhat equivalent to our Hay fever, but instead of the lungs being the target organ as in humans, in dogs it is the skin. The dog will exhibit itchy skin, licking and/or chewing at feet, muzzle, ears, groin and armpits.

It is believed to be an inherited predisposition, in which repeated exposure to “allergens” such as dust, pollen, molds, and grasses produces allergic symptoms. Most dogs develop signs between 1 and 3 years of age. Because of the hereditary nature of the disease, several breeds, including golden retrievers, Terriers, Irish and English Setters, Labradors, bulldogs, Bichon Frise and others, are more commonly “atopic”.

Diagnosis of atopic dermatitis is based on clinical signs and initial seasonality to the skin issues. However, this can become a year round problem. Blood tests or interdermal skin tests can be performed to see what environmental allergens may be contributing to the dog’s signs.

Ideally treatment includes avoidance of the allergen, but this is not always practical. Trying to decrease exposure can help; for example bathing frequently to reduce the allergens on the coat, not walking in grassed areas, or wiping the dogs feet when he or she comes in from outside. If molds are the issue, try dehumidifiers in the home, or keeping the dog out of rooms with high moisture levels. Frequent vacuuming or air purifiers to control dust or mites in the home can also help.

Antihistamines can be helpful in some dogs to control signs. Fatty acid supplements for the coat can also be beneficial. Topical products such as shampoos, cream rinses, or steroidal sprays are used to alleviate itchiness. A combination of all three of these treatment regimes is often necessary to help decrease the burden of allergenic signs.

Some dogs that are severely affected require steroids to control itching and antibiotics to control secondary skin infections. Steroids have potential side effects that include increase thirst and urination, potential weakening of the immune system and Cushings disease if used at higher doses or for long periods of time.

Desensitization vaccines can be formulated based on blood or interdermal skin test. These are given for potentially the life of the pet and only about 80 percent of animals improve with the vaccines. These vaccines may take 6-9 months before improvement is noticed.

A newer drug has become available for treatment of this condition called cyclosporine (trade name- Atopica). This drug works very well in some, but not all dogs, and is very expensive. Potential side effects include vomiting and diarrhea. Some dogs get over these signs but others may have to stop the medication because of this.

Just as in people, allergies in dogs are life long problems and can sometimes be controlled but necessarily cured. The best chance for success is realization of the target allergens and usually a combination of therapies to help control the dog’s symptoms.

Danielle Smith, D.V.M., Hyannis Animal Hospital

References of article by Sandra Merchant, Textbook of Veterinary Medicine, Ettinger 5th Edition

AKC DELEGATES REPORT

Submitted by Helyne Medeiros, Delegate

After returning from the Delegate’s meeting in NYC, here are the Election results:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION RESULTS:

The Tracking Club of Vermont

The Tracking Club of Vermont will be hosting a clinic for beginners and intermediates. On Sunday, May 20t from 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. in Manchester, VT on the Hildene property. AKC Judge Ray Desmarais will be the instructor. The price is \$100. per working team, limited to 10 teams and \$60. for auditors, unlimited auditors. For further information, please contact: Dee Bort at (802) 775-3830 or ddachshunds@verizon.net.

MEMBER'S MATCH

RESULTS

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Beginner Juniors

1. Olivia Harmon
2. Joshua Harmon

Novice Junior

1. Julie Chenkus
2. Madison Harmon
3. Jake Smith
4. Kelsey Beers

- Carolyn Ellis
- Picabo Miskiv
- Duke Miskiv

Novice Senior

1. Ben Duchesney

Open Junior

1. Morgan Traugot

Open Senior

1. Megan Decker – **BEST**

JUNIOR

SPORTING GROUP

Pointer

Puppy 3-6 months

1. Helyne Medeiros – **Best Puppy in Breed, Sporting Puppy Group 1**

Open

1. Allyson Cappellina – **Best Adult in Breed, Sporting Group 3**

Golden Retriever

Puppy 3-6 months

1. Krista Bailey
2. Lori Horne
3. Deb Traugot

4. Deb Traugot

Puppy 9-12 months

1. Deb Traugot – **Best Puppy in Breed, Sporting Puppy Group 3**

Novice

1. Leslie Lichtenstein

Open

1. Megan Decker, **Best Adult in Breed, Sporting Group 1**
2. Leslie Lichtenstein

Labrador Retriever

Puppy 3-6 months

1. Donna Martino – **Best Puppy in Breed, Sporting Group 4**

Novice

1. Steve Smith – **Best Adult, Sporting Group 2**

2. Unknown

Open

1. Ben Duchesney

Vizsla

Puppy 6-9 month

1. Anne Corrigan – **Best Puppy in Breed, Sporting Puppy Group 2**

Hound Group

Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen

Open

1. Judy Dow – **Best Adult in Breed, Hound Group 1, Best Adult in Match**

Working Group

Doberman Pinscher

Puppy 9-12 months

1. Marie Hannah – **Best Puppy**

in Breed, Working Puppy Group 1

Samoyed

Novice

1. Julie Chenkus – **Best Adult in Breed, Working Group 1**

Terrier Group

Scottish Terrier

Puppy 6-9 months

1. Dorothy Cummings – **Best Puppy in Breed, Terrier Puppy Group 1**

Toy Group

Coton De Tunear

Puppy 3-6 months

1. Elaine Baird – **Best Puppy in Breed, Toy Puppy Group 2**

English Toy Spaniel

Open

1. Elizabeth Savoia – **Best Adult in Breed, Toy Adult Group 1**

Shih Tzu

Puppy 9-12 months

1. Carol Fisher – **Best Puppy in Breed, Toy Puppy Group 1, Best Puppy in Match,**

BREED CHALLENGE

TROPHY WINNER

Non-sporting Group

Bishon Frise

Puppy 9-12 months

1. Theresa Norris – **Best Puppy in Breed, Non-sporting Puppy Group 1**

Novice

Herding Group	- Gale Klun's Ch. Springhill Smoke and Mirrors	1) Ellen Barnaby, 199, High in Match, OBEDIENCE CHALLENGE TROPHY WINNER
Shetland Sheepdog		
Puppy 3-6 months	- Mike Klun's Ch. Seasyde	
1) Sandy Taylor	Wequaquet Shoreline CD, NA,	
Puppy 9-12 months	NAJ	- ??, 199, Non-competitive
1) "Kiah" – Best Puppy in Breed, Herding Puppy Group 1	OBEDIENCE Sub-Novice A	Open A
	1) Carolyn Ellis	1) ??, 193
BEST VETERANS		Open B
- Marie Hannah – Best Veteran in Show	- Kelsey Beers	1) Lois Barry, 192
	- Picabo Misciv	- Marie Hannah
- Jacob Smith	Sub-Novice B	Utility A
- Gale Klun	1) Pam Demetrion, 197	- Marie Hannah
- Krista Bailey	2) Anne Corrigan, 196.5	- Boots Gibson
- Elizabeth Savoia	3) Morgan Traugot, 192	Utility B
	- Gale Klun	- Lois Barry
PARADE OF CHAMPIONS	Novice A	
- Lauren Richmond's Puli, Ch.	- Jake Smith	
Bokar's Polly Wally Doodle	Novice B	

Puppy Strangles

Puppy strangles is also referred to as canine juvenile cellulitis and juvenile pyoderma. The condition is characterized by vesicles, pustules, serous to purulent discharge, and loss of hair most commonly around lips, muzzle and eyelids. Lymph nodes around the head may also be swollen or abscess. Severe cases can cause depression, loss of appetite and fever.

The cause of this disease is unknown at this time. It occurs in puppies from 3 weeks old to 6 months old. Breeds such as Golden retrievers, Labrador retrievers, Dachsunds, Pointers, and Beagles may be predisposed.

Diagnosis is based on clinical signs. Biopsies can be performed to confirm the disease but are often unnecessary.

Treatment involves cleaning the area daily to remove exudate and crusts. Antibiotics are administered to clear the secondary infection that occurs. Steroids are also used, as an underlying autoimmune response is suspected.

The prognosis is good if response to therapy is seen within 4-5 days. In severe cases permanent scarring may result. Death has been reported if the disease is left untreated.

Danielle Smith D.V.M., Hyannis Animal Hospital

References to Small Animal Dermatology 2nd edition, Medleau and Hnilica