

LEAD LINES



Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County

December 2022

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Nancy Honchar, Tracey Guiejka, &
Scott Adams, Sr

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Nose Work Coor. Judy McPartland

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

We hope you had the best holidays this year
and looking forward to a Bright New Year!

Thank you for the kind words and support for
Lead Lines!



Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County

MEETING MINUTES

Board Meeting – Monday, November 7, 2022

Board of Directors' ZOOM Minutes

Monday, November 7, 2022

5:30 PM

Members Present: Betty Gansky, Steve Campbell, Fran Smith, Celeste Platte, Scott Adams, Nancy Honchar, Tracey Guziejka. Guests: Judy McPartland, Diana Johnson-Ford

Reports: NONE GIVEN for the following: **President** – Betty Gansky, **Vice President** – Steve Campbell, **Secretary** – Celeste Platte, **Treasurer** – Fran Smith, **Obedience Coordinator** – Nancy Honchar, **Rally Coordinator** – Steve Campbell

Scent Work Coordinator– Judy McPartland. The club made a nice profit on the Order Recognition Test held on October 16, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

Guidelines for Practice Field Usage – Diana Johnson Ford. The guidelines for the use of the practice field were presented to the Board of Directors and accepted. They are included as part of these minutes.

Policy governing dogs off lead on property – Betty Gansky. After research, it was found that there is no policy in the Club's Policy & Procedures (P & P) governing dogs off lead while on OTCPCB property.

After discussion, the Board agreed there should be a policy addressing this issue. The verbiage will be worked on and sent to the Board members for approval.

Trial Status for approaching Tropical Storm/Hurricane – Celeste Platte

Procedures were discussed if the trial had to be cancelled due to weather or the inability to use the building such as flooding or power outages.

Arrangements for Large agility equipment in the field for approaching weather conditions.

Tracey Guziejka

At the upcoming General Membership meeting, Tracey is going to ask for volunteers to come out to the field and lay the large agility pieces down and put away anything items that are light enough to be move into the shed.

Water seepage behind the steward table. – Tracey Guiejka.

This has been an ongoing problem. Tracey's pretty sure the water is not coming from the roof or the air conditioner. She is working on getting a company to come out and take a look at the situation. Insulation replacement in back corner of building. Tracey Guziejka. Two companies are willing to come out and take a look at the problem. Still working.

Field Usage using an Access Card. Steve Campbell will check with Atlantic Smart to determine if it is possible to put a scanner on the practice field gate to allow access such as is done to the clubhouse.

The Practice Field procedures as established by committee and presented to the Board of Directors is attached as addendum to these minutes.

Extra payment to lawn service to move agility equipment for mowing. Tracey Guziejka

- Tommie is willing to move the large equipment for \$75 per month.
- \$15/month will be charged to those members that wish to use the practice/agility field. This is a \$5.00 increase. Those people will be required to move only the jumps to under the pavilion. Effective December 1, 2022

Toys for Tots

As the club does not have the foot traffic into the building as in past years, a MOTION was made to donate \$1,000 to Toys for Totts in lieu of toy contribution. First: Fran Smith. Second: Steve Campbell. MOTION PASSED.

Verify volunteer hour policy. Per a Board member's request, the secretary listened to the recording of the October 10, 2022, Board meeting. The motion addressing volunteer hours (below) was verified.

MOTION to allow travel time to be included in the volunteer time IF the sole purpose of the member's traveling to the club is to volunteer for an event. 1st Celeste Platte. 2nd Fran Smith. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Lighting Issues – Gansky & Guziejka

The lights on the sign in the front of the building have been replaces. Two more sets of light bulbs need to be replaced. The base of the building facing the street and the lights facing the practice field on the side of the building in the far corner. Those will be done in the next week or so.

The field lights will be evaluated to determine if there can be better light illumination. At this time, no additional fixtures will be added to the field due to the large amount of money and time involved.

When the building behind the parking lot and field is complete, there may be significant elimination that it will address the current problems.

Security Cameras for property: Steve Campbell will contact Atlantic Smart to ask what they can offer to the club about security.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Platte, Secretary

OUTSIDE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING VIA EMAIL, THE FOLLOWING MOTION WAS APPROVED:

MOTION to add the following verbiage to the Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County

Policy & Procedures.

Leash requirements for inside the building and on club property.

Dogs must be leashed while inside and outside of the building, including the parking lot and potty area EXCEPT while in a class or in an instructional situation. 1st: Celeste Platte, 2nd: Steve Campbell. MOTION approved.

On November 10, 2022: the Board of Directors passed the following motion:

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Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County
General Membership Meeting Minutes – Via Zoom Meeting
Monday, November 7, 2022

Board Members Present: Betty Gansky, Steve Campbell, Fran Smith, Celeste Platte, Scott T. Adams, Sr., Nancy Honchar, Tracey Guziejka.

Call to order 7:05 PM

33 members were present at this meeting.

Reports:

President – Betty Gansky. Minutes from last meeting were sent to the membership. No objects were received. Betty reminded members that this club is owned by all. If you see trash, pebbles, or clumps of dog hair on the floor, pick it up and throw it away. If there is a dispenser empty, fill it. If you see a problem, fix it. If it needs maintenance, contact Tracey Guziejka. All members should work together to keep this club looking as good as it can.

NO REPORTS from the Vice President – Steve Campbell, Secretary – Celeste Platte, Agility Coordinator – Barbara Bounds, Tracking Coordinator – Diana Johnson Ford.

Treasurer – Fran Smith. A report on the club's finances were given. Taxes were paid, approximately \$19,000.

Obedience Coordinator – Nancy Honchar. She is still working on getting the 2023 classes posted.

Rally Coordinator - Steve Campbell – Show and Go on Sunday. Rally Trial on November 19 & 20, 2022 which is full. There are rally classes starting in January.

Scent Coordinator – Judy McPartland - An Order Recognition Test was given on October 26. A nice profit was made. There is a Scent Work Trial in Jupiter on November 26 & 27, 2022. More volunteers are still needed.

Webmaster – Judy McPartland. – Coordinators are working on the January classes. When completed, they will then be posted. Last class registration will be mid-November. No new classes for December. There are some new tools being learned for the scheduling process, so December is a good time to do this.

New Business:

Arrangements for Large agility equipment in the field for approaching weather conditions. – Tracey Guziejka

Volunteers are needed to come to the practice field and lay the large agility pieces down on the ground. Anything that can be moved should be put in the shed.

Results of the Nominating Committee – Nancy Honchar. The present Board of Directors have all agreed to return to serve again in 2023. There were no nominations from the floor. The slate will be voted on at the January meeting.

Lighting Issues – Tracey Guziejka

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and the lights facing the practice field on the side of the building in the far corner. Those will be done in the next week or so.

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This has been an ongoing problem. Tracey's pretty sure the water is not coming from the roof or the air conditioner. She is working on getting a leak detection company to come out and look at the situation. The insulation in the ceiling is also being addressed.

First reading of application for membership:

Brian DeCarlo

Rally & Nose Work

Sponsors: Scott T Adams, Sr, Sandy Crechiolo

Second reading of application for membership. Voted into membership

Michelle Kelly

6780 Red Reef St

Lake Worth, FL

Phone: 561-767-6703

Regular Member: 2022

Obedience, Rally, Agility

Breed: Golden Doodle

e-mail: Michelle@cabincreekbears.com

Rally, Obedience & Agility

Sponsors: Sandy Crechiolo, Scott T Adams, Sr.

Agility Premium for February is now available. Volunteers are always needed.

Obedience and Rally glossy books. Another purchase of these books was going to be made by Betty Gansky. Obedience book \$12 and Rally book \$22.

Drill Class will be starting up again. Every Thursday at noon will be Open Drill. Novice Drill will start at 1:00. The cost is \$10 per class for all. No discounts no members.

Next General Meeting: January 9, 2023. This meeting will be held at the clubhouse.

NOTE-OUTSIDE OF THE GENERAL MEETING:

It was decided in mid-December by the Board of Directors, that due to the rise of COVID-19 cases, the general meeting will be held via ZOOM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm

First: Nancy Honchar. Second: Tracey Guziejka.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Platte, Secretary



THANK YOUS

Just wanted the Membership to know if you did not see it in the minutes of our meetings OTCNBC donated \$1,000.00 to the Gulfstream Humane Society in October. They are located in Ft. Myers, FL & were hit hard by the storm.

Attached is a copy of the "thank you" letter we received from them.

We also donated \$1000.00 to the "Toys for Tots" campaign in November.

Our club is a GREAT one & it's my pleasure being your President!

Betty

Members,

First of all, let me apologize for not sending this out much, much earlier, I could probably come up with a bunch of excuses but I just screwed up. This was the first trial I had to take over as trial chair as we definitely had some extenuating circumstances, I hope I remember everyone. Thanks for Judy Wetzel and Nancy Honchar for helping me on Friday to set everything up, Judy was our trophy person both days and Nancy did a tremendous job as Trial Secretary (a totally thankless job) she kept all the paperwork moving and current, Patricia Shandoin helped Nancy plus filled in where needed, Cindy Porter and Frances O'Sullivan for checking all the people in and keeping the running order straight with absences and move ups, Agnieszka Zyzdeyn (Alicia) was supposed to help me in the ring but ended up doing most of the ring duties on Saturday because I had to do table steward thankfully Michelle Kelly was able to help her on Sunday, June Feigenblatt was pressed into timer duty after a quick lesson on basic stopwatch usage, Peggy DeMinico did timing duties on Sunday, definitely thanks to those who stayed on Sunday and helped put everything away and reset the club for everyday use.

Again, a HUGE thank you for helping out and for making this trial a success.

Thank you all
Scott (T. Adams, Sr)

October 5, 2022



Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County
1250 Gateway Rd
Lake Park, FL 33403-1902

Dear Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County,

Thank you for your generous support of the Gulf Coast Humane Society! Without your contribution, we would not be able to continue caring for so many pets in our community. Last year, the support from generous donors allowed us to care for nearly 3,000 dogs and cats in our Animal Shelter. We also provided low cost Spay and Neuter services to over 6,700 pets and had over 15,000 patients visit our low cost Veterinary Wellness Clinic. In addition, we delivered over 28 tons of pet food to families in need of assistance to keep their pets safely in their homes.

GCHS receives no funding from national, state or local government agencies. All of our funding comes from our generous donors, bequests, foundation grants, special events and fees for adoptions and clinic services. We are able to continue to operate as a no-kill shelter because of your kindness.

Gulf Coast Humane Society will continue to provide care for every pet that arrives at one of our facilities. Your gift will make a positive impact on an animal that comes through our doors and help us continue to bring in more animals that need safe refuge, medical care and love.

Again, we thank you for your support of the work we do.

Sincerely,

Lynda Case, President
GCHS Board of Director

we all are very
thankful for your
great gift to help
us rebuild.

Please consider this letter as your tax receipt for your generous donation, which is highlighted below.

Donation Amount: **\$1,000.00**

Date of Donation: **October 5, 2022**

Gulf Coast Humane Society, Inc. is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization. Federal Tax ID#59-0806978. No goods or services were received in consideration of this gift. Please remember the Gulf Coast Humane Society in your estate planning.

Many thanks to the Scent Work Trial volunteers!

The weekend of November 26-27, 2022, presented volunteers and competitors at OTCNBC's tenth AKC Scent Work trial with unseasonably high temperatures at a sprawling site, where most of the classes took place outdoors. Folks rose to the occasion. Volunteers and judges worked for hours in 85 degrees on Saturday and 87 on Sunday---everyone slowly dehydrating and wilting in the heat, but continuing to work until finally the sun set and darkness stopped us.

The trial site, Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation, Tequesta, FL provided many different searching opportunities with multiple classes running simultaneously at different locations within the site. Members had been asking for a trial that would offer all the classes, with chances to earn several titles, and this location allowed the club to do that. However, with opportunity, came challenges. Thanks to our volunteers, judges and exhibitors for handling the challenges of a complicated event on a large site.

Before the trial, multiple vehicles were loaded with supplies needed for the trial. Cindy Ponga pre-packaged and labelled Q ribbons by class. On Friday, in preparation for the Buried Element classes, tracker Chris Sedlacek assisted Jane Craig in transporting 500 (yes, 500) pounds of sand from Jane's garage and then lifted and carried the sand to the search area. Chris's wife and his children helped Fran Smith and Margi Lehnertz fill the bins with water or with sand as needed. Also on Friday, Tricia Boychuk and Brian DeCarlo helped pick up and transport supplies from the club to the site; then, assisted by Storey Wenger, unload and set up. Lorene Taylor and Bob Millar also assisted in unloading vehicles and setup activities.

For the trial weekend, Keith Musbach and Mike Edmondson started things off with check-in on Sat. There were three classes running at any one time, so handling the running order and flow was reminiscent of a three-ring circus. Donna Kornmeyer was both gracious and invaluable in helping handle this task, plus she handled check-in on Sunday. Exhibitors even stepped in to help keep the run board up to date throughout the trials.

Judges Fran Smith, Judy McPartland, and Lauren Walsh were very appreciative of the outstanding volunteer teams that worked with them and described their hard work:

Fran Smith's team ran the Buried and Container searches. She discovered why clubs are so reluctant to offer buried! Plastic bins each containing 25 pounds of sand or water are moved for each class all day long in the heat. Fran, with the help of her team and thoughtful pre-planning, did an outstanding job. In the Buried classes on Saturday/Sunday and Container classes on Sunday, David McKennan was flawless as the timer, plus he helped lift buried sand and water containers into place. (And he stepped in as the human distractor in Master Containers, wouldn't that look interesting on a resume?).

Fran's granddaughters also pitched in. Camille was the cold box person while Georgia helped direct people in line and ran scoresheets back and forth. Fran's sister and club member, Margi Lehnertz, was also part of the Buried and Container element team. Margi

was invaluable as the hot box person. She was ferocious in protecting her hot boxes, making sure no one else touched them and keeping track of where they were.

From dawn to dusk in the sun for 2 days, club member applicant, Jim Pirko, was amazing and kept the exhibitors flowing. But he also was always there to help measuring out the test areas and moving those heavy buried containers. Jim stayed till the end to help Fran load the equipment in her car. And when it didn't all fit, took some stuff home for us. Darlene Pfeiffer joined the team on Sunday. She was a diamond and had great suggestions and ideas to move things along. Plus, she stayed out in the heat to send teams along.

Angel Andrews finished her runs on Saturday and was free to go home. But instead, she jumped in to help in the Buried search area. She helped move buried containers and marshal the exhibitors in and out. And in even more heat, again on Sunday.

On Sunday when Buried searches were completed, tracker Amy Nathanson, who isn't a member, chipped in to break down and clean up the buried element search area.

Lauren Walsh judged Detective, the first time the club has offered this higher level. She also judged Advanced and Excellent Exteriors, and Excellent and Master Interiors. Mary Ann Hamzy assisted her on Saturday wearing the hats of timer and judge's steward, with Bob Becker and Cyndi Porter staging competitors along the path. Tricia Boychuk assisted when not competing. On Sunday, Lauren, our club's most experienced Scent Work judge, was her own timer and judge's steward! Several of the searches that day were at a location down a long, hot sandy path, so Cyndi and Darlene Pfeiffer did some staging for Lauren.

Judy McPartland's team had quick and efficient learners, Alicja Zyzdryn on Saturday, and Storey Wenger with member-applicant Brian DeCarlo on both days, who took care of timing, judge's steward and staging for Novice Exteriors and Interiors and Advanced Interiors. They really got into an efficient and collegial rhythm that was a real support for judge Judy.

On other fronts, Barbara Didjurgis, even though competing, took care of bringing water and picking up lunch both days. Patricia Armfield helped with general staging on Sunday.

Lorene Taylor helped in many ways on Sunday. Somehow, she was there whenever something or someone was needed---providing water, locating teams, carrying messages, following up on details. Lorene stayed till the end to help Fran load the equipment in her car. And when it didn't all fit, she took some stuff home.

Lindsey Smith and David Brady were there to take pictures, but both stepped in to help wherever they could, providing hydration for Fran or a helping hand over rough terrain for Judy.

Cyndi Porter filled a number of roles after competing and helped with things at the end of each day. Donna Kornmeyer wore several hats during both days, always calm and kind. A very special thanks to Board Member Nancy Honchar, who handled ribbons, including

going back to the club to pick up the forgotten ones. She stayed after dark both days and provided quiet support in myriad ways to Mary Wright, the Trial Secretary.

I want to especially thank the Trial Secretary, Mary, who worked for weeks before the trial to learn very complicated software, had everything ready for the trial and then spent very long hours each day during the trial. I couldn't believe when she was loading up the computer equipment into her car on Saturday at 7 p.m. in the dark that she was taking it home to continue working another three hours, to be ready for the next day. Then she spent days after the trial on endless paperwork and reports.

Thanks again to all who worked so hard in tough conditions. If we've forgotten anyone, let us know. And kudos to the exhibitors who braved the heat and long waits to showcase their dogs' talents.

Jane Craig, Trial Chair

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ANNOUNCEMENTS!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Deadline to renew your membership is December 31, 2022.

Please go to the website and renew there. To get the hyperlink to work, hold down the Ctrl Key and hover your cursor over the link and click. [Renew Membership 2023](#)

New Email Address for Diane Sedberry!

Dtsed19@gmail.com.

Please update your address book!

January General Membership Meeting

Members,

This meeting on was original scheduled to be held at the clubhouse in person. However, due to the reports of the rising numbers of COVID-19 cases occurring during this season, the Board of Directors felt it was better to hold the meeting via ZOOM.

We will try again to schedule a get together mid-year, perhaps for an Independence Day celebration. I'll let you know if/when this is scheduled.

We have two new member applicants. A reminder to those two gentlemen that they must be present in order to have their applications read and/or voted on at the second reading.

Celeste Platte, Secretary
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January Obedience Trials

Time is running out to enter the January Obedience trial. If you want to enter the trial, go to the link below and enter online. Deadline to enter is 1/4/23 @8pm.

Please use the below link for the online entries to the OTCPBC Obedience Trial January 14 & 15, 2023.

<https://otcpbc.org/obedience-events/>

Celeste Platte
Trial Secretary
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OTCPBC Trials.

Please click on the trials tab of the club's website for information on club trials: <https://otcpbc.org/special-events/>

VOLUNTEER HOURS

OTCPBC Volunteer Hours

Includes Hours Earned between 12/1/2021 and 12/25/2022

Hours are recorded as a running total over a 12 month period.

Last Name	First Name	Earliest Service Date	Most Recent Service Date	Total Hours
Andrews	Angel	12/12/21	12/4/22	73.25
Armfield	Patricia	11/27/22	11/27/22	9.25
Asaro	Jean	1/30/22	12/22/22	20.25
Auer	Nancy	2/20/22	2/20/22	1.5
Becker	Robert	2/6/22	11/27/22	26.75
Blythe	Bobbie	2/20/22	10/16/22	9.5
Boychuk	Tricia	12/5/21	12/4/22	51
Brav	Janet	2/6/22	2/16/22	2.75
Bundschuh	Debra	1/9/22	7/24/22	38.25
Butcher	Marjorie	6/12/22	11/13/22	19.5
Carey	Kim	12/5/21	11/30/22	27.5
Carlée	Lane	12/31/21	9/30/22	31.75
Carson	Mary	1/30/22	1/30/22	4
Caruso	Patricia & Anthony	12/19/21	12/19/21	6
Cash	Beverly	6/12/22	6/12/22	6
Clouser	Patsy	1/16/22	2/20/22	30
Corey	Kim	1/16/22	1/30/22	5.75
Craig	Jane	1/9/22	12/4/22	90
Crechiolo	Joe	2/6/22	2/6/22	2.5
Crechiolo	Sandy	2/6/22	5/1/22	17.5
Czermann	Charlotte	6/12/22	11/13/22	34.75
DeMinico	Peggy	4/24/22	11/20/22	62.5
Edmondson	Michael Blair	1/16/22	11/27/22	20
Feigenblatt	June	1/25/22	12/14/22	70.25
Forgach	Marie	1/30/22	7/24/22	18.25
Gates	Sandra	5/1/22	7/24/22	48
Gomez	Janet	5/1/22	10/30/22	22.5
Hamzy	Joe	12/5/21	12/4/22	101.25
Hamzy	Mary Ann	12/5/21	11/27/22	29.75
Hoffman	Sandra	2/7/22	2/7/22	9

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Hohmann	Marti	12/6/21	10/29/22	39
Johnson-Ford	Diana	12/5/21	12/4/22	131.5
Jones	Karen	1/9/22	5/29/22	10
Katzman	Andi	6/1/22	10/16/22	7.5
Kealey	Kathy	1/30/22	2/6/22	9
Kelly	Michelle	9/1/22	12/2/22	35
Klein	Carol Ann	11/20/22	11/20/22	12
Kornmeyer	Donna	1/30/22	11/27/22	39
Landen	Robin	1/10/22	11/13/22	29.25
Lehnertz	Margi	11/27/22	12/4/22	40
Macchia	Mary	5/1/22	6/12/22	40
May	Kathy	12/31/21	12/31/22	31.5
McDonough	Kelly	10/31/22	10/31/22	20
McKenna	David	1/30/22	11/27/22	55.5
McPartland	Judith	12/31/21	12/15/22	305.5
Millar	Robert	1/16/22	11/27/22	25
Minix	Susan	2/6/22	8/21/22	35.5
Morgan	Linda	1/16/22	11/13/22	28.25
Musbach	Keith	1/16/22	11/27/22	20
Nettles	Bobbie	1/16/22	11/11/22	27
O'Sullivan	Frances	2/16/22	11/20/22	35
Patti	Jennifer	5/1/22	5/1/22	8
Pfeiffer	Darlene	12/5/21	11/27/22	36.75
Pichette	Helen	1/30/22	1/30/22	3
Ponga	Cindylou	1/30/22	11/27/22	46.25
Porter	Cynthia	12/5/21	12/4/22	53
Sedberry	Diane	12/31/21	10/31/22	88.75
Shadoin	Patricia	3/31/22	11/20/22	63
Siebeneck	Rosemarie	12/8/21	11/13/22	72.5
Smith	Lindsey	12/31/21	10/16/22	26.5
Strumwasser	Steve	5/29/22	7/24/22	6.5
Taylor	Lorene	1/9/22	11/27/22	28.25
Taylor	Matthew	1/9/22	1/9/22	7
Trummer	Michelle	2/6/22	2/6/22	12.5
Vasiliou	Libby	12/5/21	10/30/22	37
Vence	Robert	1/9/22	11/13/22	83.5
Venegas	Susan	1/10/22	2/20/22	8.5
Weber	Lodge	5/1/22	7/24/22	35.5
Wetzel	Judy	2/20/22	11/20/22	68.25
Wood	Linda	12/31/21	2/28/22	20

Last Name	First Name	Earliest Service Date	Most Recent Service Date	Total Hours
Wright	Mary	12/5/21	12/14/22	146
Zyzdryn	Alicja	3/7/22	11/27/22	72.35
72				2,787.85

BRAGS

From Betty Gansky & Fate

Fate earned her 16th UDX leg on Saturday 11/12 at our show at the clubhouse. She also earned a 1st place in Utility B with a score of 195 & an Open B score of 196 1/2 earning High Combined.

On Sunday she also earned 1st place in Utlity B with a 193 but missed a command in Open B.

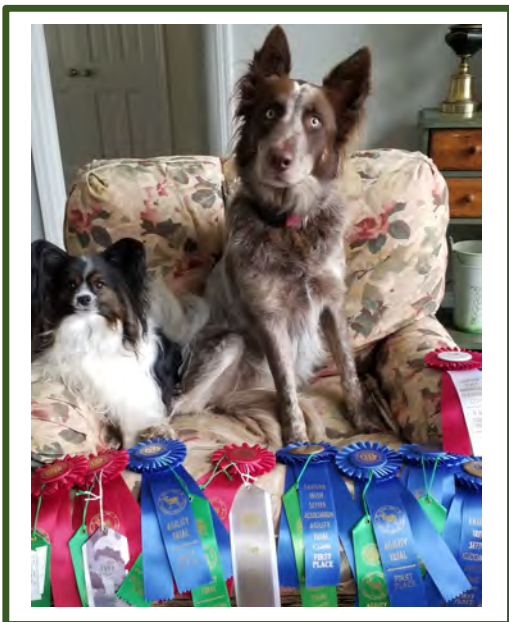
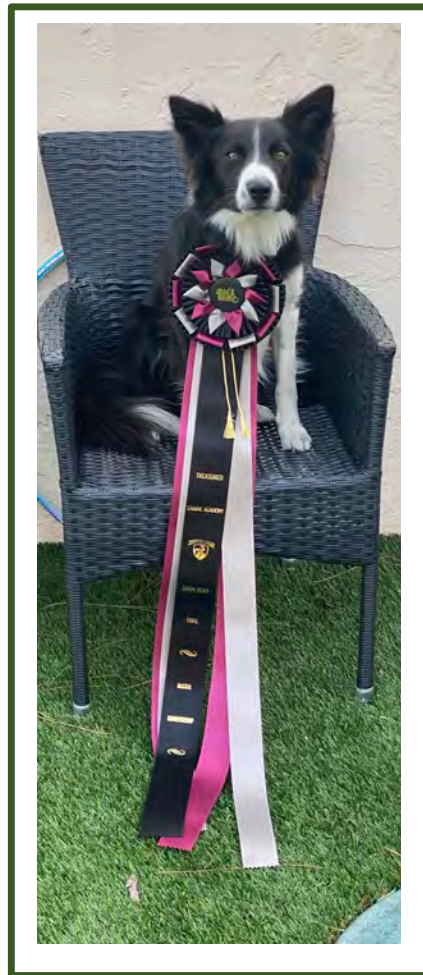
It was a VERY good weekend!



More Brags!

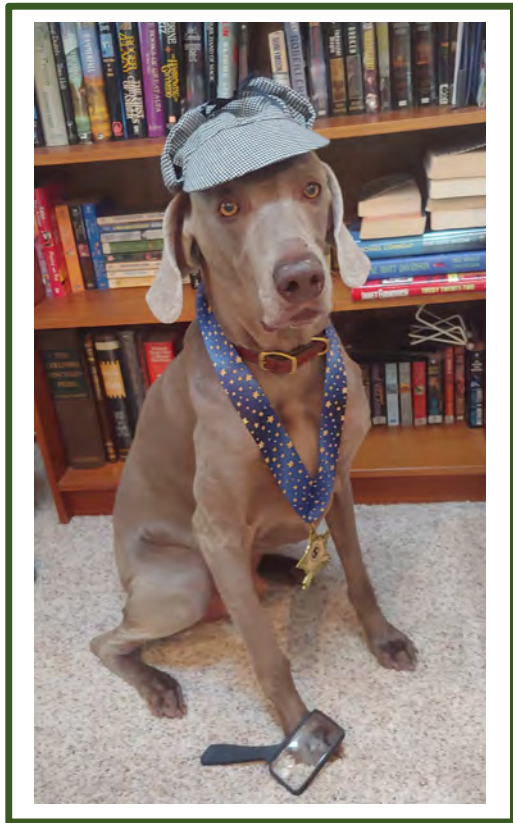
From Marti Hohmann Probst

Jesse earned the Rat Master Champion (RATCH) title at Treasured Canine Academy this month.



From Janet Brav

Max the papillon and Ruby the border collie had a great November/December. Max is up to 15 QQs for his PACH. Ruby sailed through Novice and is competing in Open at the 24C jump height.



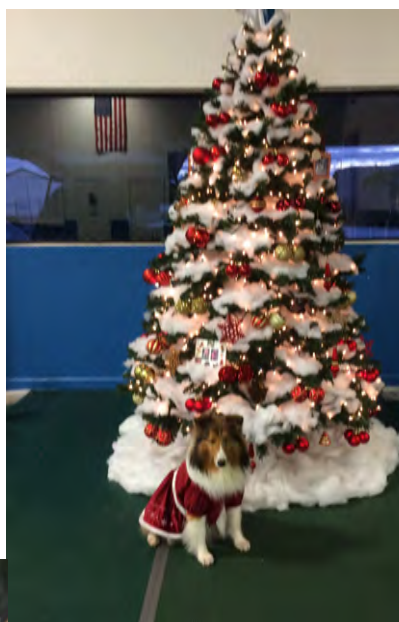
From Jane Craig

Astro 'Sherlock' Holmes, Detective dog, in his library. He earned his ninth qualifying score at OTCPCB's Scent Work trial, then his final tenth Q on Dec 21st at the Brooksville trial to earn his AKC Detective title.

*Get
WELL
Soon*

Mario Ansaro

*Wishing you both a
complete recovery from
the membership of
OTCPBC*



Rainbow Bridge

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge. When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor. Those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent. His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together....

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If Heaven wasn't so far away, we could visit all of our best friends that we have lost over the years.

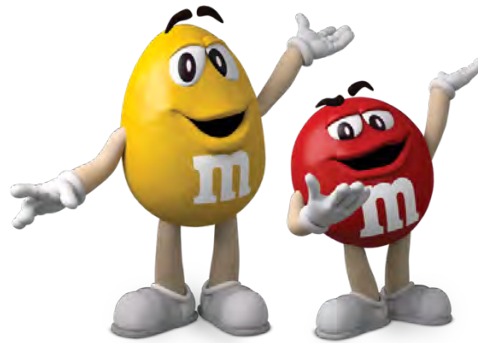
If love could have saved them, they would live forever.

Our heartfelt condolences to Scott Adams, Sr. who lost his beloved Sergei and Robin Landen who lost her sweet Magic.

"Dogs In Heaven"

By David Gregg

*If there's dogs in heaven When I get there
I hope my old Irish setter Has his own lazy boy chair
I hope that mutt I had When I was just a kid
Is off chasing something Like he always did
I hope there's fields so big That you can't fit em on a map
And I hope Dinkys sitting there on Jesus lap
If there's dogs in heaven
If there's dogs in heaven
When they let me in I hope they're leaning out car windows
With their faces to the wind
I hope they bark every time That doorbell rings
I hope their ears perk up When the angels sing
I hope Daisy's laying there on that pearly gates welcome mat
And I hope Dinkys sitting there on Jesus lap
If there's dogs in heaven
Let em play and let em run
Let em stay forever young
Let em chew up your best shoes
Give em collars of gold
And don't ever let em grow old
If there's dogs in heaven
There's a rock in the backyard
Where I sometimes go
When I'm feeling lonely
And missing him so
But I know in my heart right where he's at
He's up there sitting on Jesus lap
Cause there's dogs in heaven
Let em play and let em run
Let em stay forever young
Let em chew up your best shoes give em collars of gold
And don't ever let em grow old
If there's dogs in heaven
If there's dogs in heaven
Yeah there's dogs in heaven*



And now a PSA (Puppy Service Announcement) from Rosie.

My dear friends, I hope that you do not make the mistake that I made last week right before Santa's big day. I caught the delectable scent of chocolate, one of my favorites. My sniffer can smell that ambrosia from miles away.

Well, I found a new treat, **Trail Mix**. and there was this chewy stuff along with the yummy chocolate and nuts. You should have seen Mommy and Aunt Lucy when they found out what I got into. Unfortunately, those squishy things were raisins and I ate lots of raisins!

Mommy and Aunt Lucy rushed me to my Doggy Doctor and made me stay there for 3 days.

I was not a happy camper; even though Mommy came to visit me, she had to go home without me! And she didn't bring treats for me – I thought I had her trained properly! I had to have medicine and they put this needle with a tube in my leg that I did not like. I tried to remove it, so they made me wear the cone of shame!

The doctor told Mommy that my kidneys were clear, but they are concerned about my liver and some numbers are high. I was finally allowed to go home on Friday night and Mommy gave me lots of kisses and hugs. She is still worried about me and I have to have more tests to make sure I'm okay. Mommy worries too much

To my furry friends: stay away from raisins & chocolate! I know it smells yummy, but my adventure with it wasn't fun at all.



Should your pets get into something dangerous and you are not sure, here is the website for the ASPCA Poison Control Center: <https://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control> The phone number for Poison control is 1-888-426-4435. I am including in this issue the flyers from ASPCA Poison control, I hope you find this helpful. Thank you to everyone for your prayers and kind thoughts for Rosie, it is truly appreciated.

I hope you enjoyed the December issue of Lead Lines. Please remember to send your updates to otcpbcleadlines2022@gmail.com. They don't have to be brags; you can share photos and memories, funny stories, birthdays, advice, etc. Don't wait until we send out a deadline. I have files set up to keep your brags, memories and stories in.

Happy Barking!

Kelly McDonough



Keep Away

The below items may be dangerous for some pets to consume and can cause reactions ranging from stomach upset to death. Avoid sharing these and seek help if ingestion occurs!



Alcohol



Avocados



Chocolate



Coffee



Garlic



Grapes/Raisins



Macadamia Nuts



Onions



Products
Containing Xylitol



Raw Yeast Bread
Dough

Share Sparingly

These foods are safe to share sparingly with pets in small portions when unseasoned and cut into pieces.

Be sure to remove any seeds, cores, stems, or peels from fruits!



Apples



Bananas



Blueberries



Broccoli



Carrots



Cauliflower



Cheese



Popcorn



Strawberries



Xylitol-Free
Peanut Butter

If you think your pet may have eaten something poisonous, stay calm and call the **ASPCA® Animal Poison Control Center** or your veterinarian.

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Control Center
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POISON PREVENTION TIPS

CALL FOR HELP 888-426-4435

How To Keep Your Pet Out
of a Poisonous Situation

OUT OF HARM’S WAY

Accidental poisoning of a pet can happen quickly, sometimes in a matter of seconds. It can be far easier (and less stressful) to take preventative measures, such as those listed below, so your pet is exposed to fewer risks.

- Keep medicine, household cleaners, pesticides and automotive products locked up or stored out of the reach of pets and children.
- Before using any household or yard product, always read the label first and follow instructions exactly for safe use, storage and disposal.
- Never give any medication or supplement to your pet without first consulting your veterinarian. What’s helpful to humans can be dangerous or even deadly to pets.
- Always read the label before using any flea control product on or around your pet. For example, flea products labeled “For dogs only” can cause serious or life-threatening illness if used on cats.

If you think your pet has ingested a poisonous substance, call your veterinarian or the ASPCA® Animal Poison Control Center and be ready with:

- Your name, address and phone number
- Details about the exposure
- The product container, if available
- Species, breed, age, sex, weight and number of pets involved
- Symptoms your pet is experiencing

A consultation fee may apply when you call the APCC hotline.

For a FREE ASPCA® Animal Poison Control Center reminder magnet call 888-426-4911 or go to www.apcc.asPCA.org/magnet.

In case of emergency, contact:

PUT TOGETHER A POISON
SAFETY KIT

Put together a poison safety kit. Experts suggest the following items be kept in a pet safety kit in case of emergencies.

- Fresh bottle of hydrogen peroxide 3% (USP)
- Can of soft dog or cat food, as appropriate
- Turkey baster or large bulb syringe to administer hydrogen peroxide
- Saline eye solution to flush out eye contaminants
- Artificial tear gel to lubricate eyes after flushing
- Mild grease-cutting dishwashing liquid to wash the animal after skin contamination
- Rubber gloves
- Tweezers to remove stingers
- Muzzle (an excited pet may harm you)
- Pet carrier

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Animal Poison Control Center



Toxic chemicals, dangerous plants, as well as products and substances found in our everyday surroundings can be poisonous or even fatal to animals. Unfortunately, a pet can ingest a household chemical, lap up a liquid, or chew on a seemingly harmless plant—and become sick or even die.

That’s why the ASPCA® Animal Poison Control Center (APCC) provides emergency hotline services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The Premier Poison Control Center
for Animals in North America

Established in 1978 at the University of Illinois, the APCC is the only poison control center in North America dedicated solely to animals. Our hotline is staffed by full-time veterinarians, including board-certified veterinary toxicologists, who have years of specialized knowledge in treating exposure to dangerous plants, pesticides, pharmaceuticals and products that can be hazardous to pets.

We hope the tips and facts in this brochure will make your life as a pet owner more enjoyable, less stressful and will, most importantly, help to protect your pet from harmful situations.



www.asPCA.org/apcc

POTENTIALLY
DANGEROUS PLANTS

Many plants and trees can be harmful to pets if ingested.

Cardiotoxic plants that affect the heart include lily of the valley, oleander, rhododendron, azalea, yew, foxglove and kalanchoe.

Plants that can cause kidney failure include rhubarb leaves and shamrock; and especially lilies in cats.

Plants that can cause liver failure include sago palms, cycad palms and some species of mushrooms.

Plants that can cause multiple effects include corn plant, ribbon plant and other Dracaena species, which can cause abdominal pain, vomiting (occasionally tinged with blood), depression, weakness, drooling, loss of appetite, incoordination, dilated pupils, difficulty breathing and elevated heart rate. Castor bean (Ricinus species) can cause renal failure, convulsions and death.



COMMON HOUSEHOLD HAZARDS

KITCHEN/BATHROOM

Trash: Coffee grounds contain caffeine, which can cause increased heart rate, hyperactivity, shaking or seizures.

Foods: Grapes and raisins can cause acute renal failure and possibly death in pets. Some pets will start with throwing up and drink a lot of water, then develop diarrhea, renal failure or death. Other potentially harmful foods include chocolate, yeast dough, avocado, alcoholic beverages, tea, macadamia nuts, onions, salt, fatty foods and foods containing the sweetener xylitol.

Painkillers & Medications: Can be deadly to pets. Never give your pet medication of any kind unless directed to do so by a veterinarian.

Soaps, Detergents & Cleansers: Can cause upset stomach, drooling, vomiting or diarrhea. Bleaches can cause severe oral burns and irritation to the respiratory tract.

BEDROOM/LIVING ROOM

Mothballs: Can cause vomiting, lethargy, seizures, hemolytic anemia and even death. Ingestion of even one mothball in a small pet can cause serious signs.

Batteries: Can cause oral ulcers, burns, perforation or blockage of the gastrointestinal tract.

GARAGE/YARD

Antifreeze: Can be fatal to dogs and cats, even in very small amounts.

Gasoline: Can irritate skin and mucous membranes. Exposure can lead to central nervous system depression, vomiting, drooling, diarrhea and aspiration.

Insecticides & herbicides: Many of these chemicals can sicken or kill pets. Always follow label directions; keep pet away from area of application for time recommended.

Glues & adhesives: Can cause upset stomach. Some types of expanding glues, if ingested, may require surgery to remove obstruction and prevent death.

To learn more about common household toxins and ways to prevent accidental poisonings, tour the interactive house at www.apcc.asPCA.org. For listings of toxic and non-toxic plants, and tips from our veterinary specialists, go to www.apcc.asPCA.org. More information about the ASPCA can be found online at www.asPCA.org. To donate to ASPCA, please go to www.asPCA.org/donate.

24/7/365 we are 100% dedicated to preventing and treating pet poison emergencies.

The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center is the only poison control center in North America dedicated solely to animals. For over 30 years, we've focused our efforts on providing lifesaving information to concerned pet owners to make sure our phone never rings. Here are a few ways to keep your pet safe every day of the year:

- Visit www.aspc.org/apcc for the most up-to-date information from our team of leading toxicologists.



- Download the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center app – APCC by ASPCA. It includes an easy and searchable database of hundreds of plants, household hazards, medications, and weather-related toxins commonly found in or around homes. It will help you keep your pets safe and farm from harm.

- Program your veterinarian's number and our emergency hotline phone number into your contacts list so you're prepared in the event of a poison-related emergency: 888-426-4435.*



- Ask your veterinarian or scan this QR code, for a FREE "Foods Your Pet Should Avoid" magnet.



*A consultation fee may apply

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Pets love us 365 days a year.

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Let's keep every one of them safe.

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Your Pet Poison Hazards Calendar

Keep it handy to keep your pet from harm.

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Hand warmers

Many hand warmers contain iron. If ingested, it can cause vomiting and possibly stomach ulcers.

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Jan/Feb

So many reasons to celebrate, so many ways for pets to find trouble.

Hazard High Points: New Year's, Super Bowl, Valentine's Day

Alcohol

Alcoholic beverages may attract your pets, but don't let them imbibe. In pets, alcohol can cause drunkenness, vomiting, low blood pressure, coma and death.

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Xylitol

Xylitol is an artificial sweetener found in gums, candy and baked goods. It can cause low blood sugar, seizures and liver failure in dogs.

Chocolate

Depending on the type and amount ingested, chocolate can cause vomiting, diarrhea, hyperactivity, panting, abnormal heart rhythm, tremors, seizures – and even death in severe cases.

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Avocado

Avocado can cause mild stomach upset in dogs and cats, but can be deadly to birds.

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Human meds

Always keep human medications, both prescription and over-the-counter, away from pets. Items such as cold medications, vitamins, antidepressants, cardiac medications, ibuprofen and acetaminophen can poison your pet.

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Mar/Apr

Early spring brings budding flowers and a growing number of risks.

Hazard High Points: Yard Work, Easter, Flowers, Cold & Allergy Season

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Spring bulb plants

What's beautiful in your yard, can create an ugly situation for pets. Consumption of leaves and flowers may only cause vomiting, but ingestion of the plant bulbs can be fatal.

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Fertilizers

Many dogs find the taste of fertilizers quite tasty, particularly the organic ones. Always carefully read and follow label directions, especially any warnings regarding pets.

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Lilies

Members of the true lily family (*Lilium*, *Hermerocallis*) are very poisonous to cats. They can cause vomiting, kidney failure and death. Easter lilies, day lilies, tiger lilies and Asian lilies are the most frequent cause of toxicity for feline family members.

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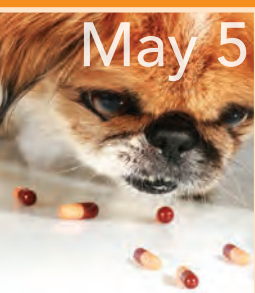
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May/June

The school year ends, but keep being a student of pet poison risks.

Hazard High Points: Flea & other Parasite Products, Yard Supplies, Plants



May 5

Pet meds

Keep all pet medications away from your pets. Those in chewable form are easy to give, but that makes it even more tempting for your pet to ingest the entire bottle if given access.

Herbicides

Read and follow all label directions when using these substances in your yard. Some herbicides will only cause mild stomach upset, while others can be deadly.



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Jun 3

Insecticides

Whether used on the lawn, in the house or on the pet, always read and follow label directions. Incorrect use can seriously harm your pet.

Sago palm

Sago, or Cycad, palms are very poisonous to pets and can cause liver failure and death. Potted sago palms are now sold as house plants in stores nationwide – so the risk is no longer limited to warm climates.



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Hazard High Points: Picnics, 4th of July, Sun Protection



Jul 4

Fireworks

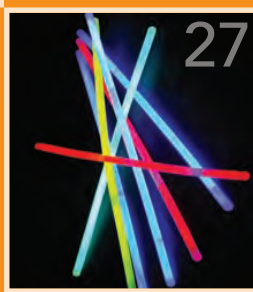
Fireworks, both used and unused, can cause problems if ingested by your pet. It's best to keep your furry friend away from the festivities.

Grapes/raisins

This surprises many pet parents. Grapes and raisins can cause kidney failure in some dogs, so keep them out of reach from your pet.



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Glo-stick

Glo-sticks and glo-jewelry are not poisonous, but the bitter-tasting liquid inside can cause your pets to drool uncontrollably.

Sunscreen

Pets can get sunburned, but human sunscreens contain aspirin-like compounds that can cause vomiting and stomach ulcers. Do not use human products directly on your pet. Look for sunscreens formulated specifically for pets.



Aug 12



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Plants with insoluble calcium oxalate

Many common houseplants such as elephant ear, philodendron, Devil's ivy and dumbcane contain insoluble calcium oxalates that can cause drooling, vomiting and, rarely, difficulty breathing.



Sept/Oct

Fall is in the air, but it's no time to breathe easy.

Hazard High Points: Halloween, Small Indoor Visitors, Car Maintenance, Mushrooms Pop Up

Antifreeze

Ethylene glycol, the ingredient that puts the "anti" in freeze, is very poisonous to pets. It can cause drunkenness, vomiting, kidney failure, seizures and death.



Sep 3

Rodenticides

When cool temperatures move in, rodents move inside. Mouse and rat poisons can adversely affect your pets. Depending on the type, they can cause internal bleeding, seizures or kidney failure.



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Mushrooms

The mushrooms you buy in the grocery store are not considered toxic for pets, but the wild varieties growing in your yard may kill them. Remove any mushrooms to remove the risk.



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Chocolate

Halloween is prime time for chocolate poisoning in pets. Too much chocolate can cause vomiting, diarrhea, agitation, high heart rate, tremors, seizures and death.



Oct 31



Nov/Dec

'Tis the season to be jolly, as long as you avoid toxic folly.

Hazard High Points: Thanksgiving, Christmas, Cold Weather Products



Nov 6

Ice melts

Ice melts used on the sidewalk and driveway can be corrosive to your pet's paws and tongue. *Always* use a pet-safe product – as indicated on the label.

Holiday plants

The toxic potential of poinsettia has become highly exaggerated. This plant is relatively harmless, causing only minor symptoms like stomach upset. However, mistletoe and holly can be toxic to pets if ingested.



Dec 11

Christmas tree water

It may contain fertilizer and bacteria, which, if ingested, can upset the stomach.



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Ribbons and tinsel

These pretty adornments can become lodged in the intestines, cut up the digestive tract, and cause intestinal obstruction. This occurs most often in kittens!

Batteries

Batteries if punctured can cause burns in the mouth and digestive tract.

People food

Another reminder that people eats and treats can harm pets. Chocolate, grapes/raisins, xylitol, onion/garlic/chives, macadamia nuts, and yeast dough are just a few. A complete list is available at www.aspc.org/apcc.



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