



PACIFIC RIM MALTESE CLUB - SEPTEMBER 2004 NEWSLETTER

Monthly Pacific Rim Maltese Club Meeting

Meeting Place: Wilsonville Holiday Inn, September 15, 2004.

The meeting was called to order at 6:50PM. Members present were Char and Joe Woltner, Elaine Lancaster, Zel and Shirley Gernhart, Van and Vonnie Vandervort, Peggy Wanner, Eileen Bentz, Tawnya Krull and guest Carolyn Perry.

Minutes read from previous meeting. Zel moved to accept the minutes as read. Peggy seconded the motion.

President's report:

Char wants to begin giving awards next year to members who finish championship status for their Maltese.

Char welcomed our guest, Carolyn Perry to our meeting she is applying for membership.

Char concluded her report with a big thank you to Shirley and Zel for the tremendous amount of help they have been. They have done most of the legwork for our upcoming show and putting together the bid for the national specialty. Thank you Zel and Shirley! We all appreciate you!

Secretary's report:

The first reading was done on Carolyn Perry. And the 2nd reading was done on Pamela and George Ziemek and Pat Sharit. A vote was taken and both were accepted into membership.

Miscellaneous correspondence was passed around.

Treasurer's report:

Shirley reported that there was \$670.11 in Checking and \$4720.68 in Savings.

Donations to the show were sent in from Deborah Cleckley, Bill Bissell, Susie Swane and Joe and Char Woltner, Peggy Wanner donated for the banner.

Old Business

Zel reported talking to the Vancouver Club and an agreement was made to split expenses for the Abbots fight. We will be responsible to the Hotel room for Friday night.

Char is providing a gift basket for the Abbots to welcome them to the Pacific Northwest and to our Specialty.

Shirley relayed that the hotel expected us to provide plastic to protect carpets for guests with dogs so the club will see to it that all hotel guests that are here for the Specialty have plastic for their rooms. We need to buy a roll of plastic for this purpose.

Shirley said trophies and cups have been ordered for the show.

New Business

Shirley looked at places that will print up T-shirts for the club. She will do some more looking.

Shirley encouraged all members to enter our dogs in either companion or veterans to boost our entries for the specialty.

This year's nomination for our yearly award was discussed. Zel and Peggy are going to put this together.

Bragg

Eileen bragged that Moriah's Classy Reflection of Kandue won BOB, Best Puppy and Winner's Bitch. This was a 5pt Major for her and she is only 7months old!

Eileen wrote: "Thank you Evergreen Maltese Club."



Shirley bragged that Sugar had four puppies, 3 boy's and 1 girl. They are so cute!

Peggy moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:55pm. Elaine seconded the motion. Due to the fact that our show is on the 22nd we wanted to move our last meeting before the show up so we will have more time to complete show duties before the show and leave time for members to prepare for the show. So our next meeting will be 6:00 pm, October 13, 2004 to be held at the Wilsonville Holiday Inn.

Bits and Tidbits:

This month's Tidbit was provided by Peggy Wanner:

“Man Bites Dog: In the early '70's; when Paul Linnman was breaking into the television news business at KATU (2), one April 1 was a slow news day.

“I asked Bruce Baer, the news director, for permission to go out and do an April Fool's story,” Linnman said. “The BBC was always doing spoof stories, like the one about the spaghetti harvest, and I loved them.

“So Doug Brazil, the cameraman, and I came up with this two-headed dog. We used my own dogs. They were two little Maltese, who were kind a shaggy. We put them rump to rump and combed the hair so that it looked like they were joined there.”

Linnman commandeered two dog dishes and rigged a two-headed dog dish; his sons' playpen served as a two-headed dog pen.

Then Linnman interviewed the owner, who was actually Brazil, and the owner's wife, played by Linnman's wife, Vicki. As an added touch, Brazil was identified as Carl LaFong, the name of a character in a W.C. Fields movie.

“So we put it together and ran it straight. All it said at the intro was “Believe it or not, Paul Linnman found a two-headed dog in Southwest Portland.”

Callers almost melted the switchboard at KATU.

“Channel 2 had never had that many calls before,” Linnman said. “I got one call from the president of a national animal rights defenders league demanding that I put the dog to sleep because it was inhumane to keep it alive. Mostly, people just wanted to find out how they could see it.”

But that wasn't the end of it.

“The capper to all this was when the station manager called and congratulated me on the story,” Linnman said. “And he wanted to know where I found the dog.”

Well! Wasn't that some National!

We all had such a great time, and we all saw the most beautiful Maltese in the world shown Thursday and Friday. The AMA Committees did such a wonderful Job. The White Excitement was a blast (Joyce did her dance). The Banquet was wonderful and the Auction went well, a lot of beautiful things. We met old friends and a lot of new friends...it was great! and then...some lady named Jeanne blew into town and tried to crash the party and spoil the whole affair, but we prevailed, so she just blew right back out of town.

And all was good and everyone lived happily ever after. See all of you in Kansas! (will tell Dorothy we aren't doing that OZ thing)!

Char

Added note: What Char isn't telling you is she was at the show in Orlando, Florida and that the excitement did not end at the National's. When she attempted to leave Florida early to escape the upcoming Hurricane she learned that she was unable to board her flight and had to spend the next two days confined to her hotel room. She said that she could not safely go outside for two days because of the storm. She and Paris (her Maltese) really got to know each other quite well.

Vonnie's Grooming Tip/Plea:

Come on you guys! No one is helping me out with tips. I need your input. I know you have ideas that can be helpful. If you can help me out that would be great.

Well here goes my tip for this month: Massaging your dog is a good thing (Martha)! It not only feels good to your dog, but it helps you to look for any problems that might exist, check for matted hair, sore spots, lumps, anything that might cause your dog a problem.

Specialty Show October 22nd. Don't forget, you need to register for PRM's Specialty show before October 6th. Also, you should bring any auction items with you when you arrive. You can give these to Eileen Bentz.

Sorry but we didn't receive any biographies for this month.

To Dog Owners Everywhere: A Dog's Plea

Treat me kindly, my beloved friend for no heart in all this world is more grateful for kindness than the loving heart of me.

Do not break my spirit with a stick for though I should lick your hand between blows, your patience and understanding will more quickly teach me the things you would have me learn.

Speak to me often, for your voice is the world's sweetest music, as you must know by the fierce wagging of my tail, when your footsteps fall upon my waiting ear.

Please take me inside when it is cold and wet for I am a domesticated animal, no longer accustomed to bitter elements.

I ask no greater glory than to have the privilege of sitting at your feet beside the hearth.

Keep my pan filled with water for I cannot tell you when I suffer thirst.

Feed me clean food that I may stay well, to romp and play and do your bidding, to walk by your side, and stand ready, willing and able to protect you with my life, should your life be in danger.

And my friend, when I am old and no longer enjoy good health and sight, do not make heroic efforts to keep me going, I am not having fun.

Please see that my trusting life is taken gently.

I shall leave this earth knowing with the last breath I draw that my fate was always safest in your hands.