

Pacific Rim



Maltese Club

January 2005

Newsletter

Monthly Pacific Rim Maltese Club Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm, January 19, 2005. Members present were Char & Joe Woltner, Van & Vonnie Vandervort, Eileen Bentz, Don & Nedra Harris, Sharon Binger, JoAnne McKenney, Pat Drake and her sister, Sharon Brunner.

First readings were done on the following applications for membership:

Denise & Randy Rodhe
Ken Shay
Ken Oberg
Katie Heft
Sharon Brunner

Second readings were done on the following applications for membership:

JoAnne McKenney
Dennis & Darlene Angeline
Kenneth & Beatrice Naysmith
Patricia & John Phillips
Dawn & Adam Polis
Bonnie Puia
Susan & Tom Wolan
Marilyn Singe
Jay & Bev Bianco
Susan Bates
Marita & Michael Zyskowski

They were all voted and approved for membership.

No Secretary's report.

Elaine was unable to attend the meeting.

No Treasurer's report.

Old Business: Discussion for next year's show. We will be backing up to Vancouver again. The date for our show will be Oct.

28th. Char has talked to Vancouver and working on getting judges to share. Please, we need input for judges, if anyone has a judge they want to recommend we will collect names and vote on.

A reminder that last meeting it was voted on as a Policy to require 6 meetings of attendance to maintain full membership status.

New Business: Maltese Club of Lower Michigan will be hosting an AMA Supported Show. A letter was pasted around and discussed.

Debbie Chamberlain, a Maltese breeder and exhibitor in California had a motorhome fire, which traveled to her house causing a lot of damage. Along with this her dogs were in the motorhome at the time and she lost most of them. A collection was taken to help her out.

AKC would like to get into the Dog Show Superintendent business. You can go online on AKC website and give you're opinion on the subject. We discussed this among us and had thoughts of it becoming a 'monopoly' and it would be sorry to see the smaller Superintendents put out of business.

Lynette Payson will be giving us a "Paws UP" column in our newsletter every month.

We discussed having educational workshops to teach new members grooming tips and answer any other questions they may have.

No Brags.

Motion was made at 8:20pm by Pat Drake to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Eileen Bentz. Next meeting will be held at Izzy's in Wilsonville February 23th at 6:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eileen Bentz, Vice Pres.
Filling in for Elaine Lancaster, Sec.

Treasurer's Report:

Subsequent to the monthly meeting, our treasurer reported that the checking balance is \$907.70 after all checks and cash received by the treasurer (as of 1/28/05) were deposited and a check of \$50.00 written to Oregon Secretary of State, Corporate Division to keep our non-profit status. The Savings balance is \$4,726.60.

President's Report:

Would like to announce that starting this month Lynnette Payson will be joining Van with our newsletter. She will be giving us information about what's going on in the Maltese world. Lynnette has been a member of the Pacific Rim for many years and I'm sure she will give us a lot of input on Maltese happenings.
Char Woltner

January 2005 Biography:

Our biography for this month comes from Heidi Sullivan. She resides in Martinez, California with her husband Gerald, and two sons, Michael and Brendan. You can visit Heidi's web page at WWW.ariamaltese.com.

Heidi Sullivan Biography:

I was born and raised in California. My youth was spent in Southern California, but as I was ready to attend college I decided to try Northern California. I attended Chapman University where I earned a Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Leadership with an emphasis in Human Resources and graduated Summa Cum Laude. At some point, I plan to return to school to obtain my law degree.



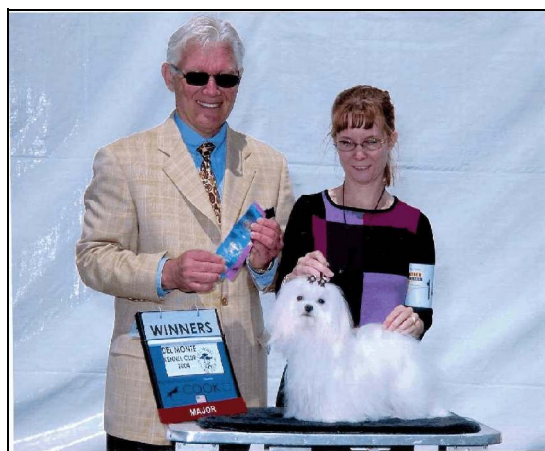
In the summer of 1990 I met my husband, Gerald and we married and settled in the Bay Area. We have two beautiful sons, Michael (13) and Brendan (8). I am very fortunate to have a job that I love, which is serving as a HR Business Consultant for a major U.S. company.

I first became aware of our beautiful breed in the spring of 2002. I was outside my work one day on a beautiful sunny day when the most gorgeous dog I ever saw was walking along side a man, who looked almost as proud as the Maltese on the other end of the lead. The Maltese came right up to me, with its beautiful black eyes and perfect

little gait and stared right at me as if it say "look at me"! From that moment on I have been completely enamored with this breed. This chance meeting led to my first Maltese. A beautiful tiny girl, just a bit small for the show ring. Through this Maltese, however, I learned how to grow coat and perhaps more importantly had the opportunity to meet Mary Day and Cindy Jones, my two wonderful mentors.

I received my first show girl from Mary Day. Her name is Ch. C and M's Every Day is a Gift (Grace). She's a beautiful girl that I will be forever grateful to Mary for trusting me with. Next, I received a half-sister to Grace from Mary; she is Ch. C and M's Forever Love at Aria (April). I am proud to say that I was able to put both Majors and one point on April, before Mary took her to finish for me. My newest girl, Cinecitta Herzigovaeva (Eva) is an Italian import that I acquired from Franco Prosperi of the Cinecitta Kennels. My first show w/ Eva resulted in a 4 point Major and we were of course very excited. With the holidays and winter, we took a break from showing, but we are looking forward to the spring 2005-show schedule. Perhaps even more exciting, I bred my first litter with success this winter. We welcomed two beautiful girls on December 1st out of the spectacular Ch. Showboat Risqué King's Ransom and my champion, Grace. These girls will hopefully be our first generation of champions under the prefix "Aria".

I love this breed and have met some wonderful people along the way.



I am proud to be a member of the American Maltese Association, serve as Recording Secretary for the California Central Valley Maltese Club and now a member with Pacific Rim. I look forward to meeting other Maltese Fanciers and contributing to the club's success.



More Dog Thoughts:

There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face.

Ben Williams

A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself.

Josh Billings

The average dog is a nicer person than the average person.

Andy Rooney

We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made.

M. Acklam



"PAWS UP"

By Lynnette Payson

I've been invited by the Officers of the Pacific Rim Maltese Club to write an editorial column for their monthly newsletter. I want to thank them for their support and let them know I will try my best not to let them down. Now, here I go again, having to make a deadline, and most of us know I haven't been consistently prompt on making deadlines, but I will give it a go.

I have had some editorials in my time but none so notorious as those printed in the November and December issues of the Evergreen Maltese Club Newsletter.

Those were also the last two issues that I was the acting Editor in Chief. I had stepped down, resignation submitted at the October meeting, before either of the editorials were printed, before I even thought about doing them. I did so because it had been four years, and I was ready to do something else. I did want to relate my experiences with re-application into the A.M.A. and so I included the editorial in my last couple newsletters.

The first editorial "What is going on in the AMA" received such a large response that I felt that there was more to this topic. I mean the editorial just told of my experience, mentioned information I had heard about the National Membership Meeting, and asked some questions. I heard from people all over the United States by email and phone. Too much feedback for just my editorial, that seems to be a National AMA problem. I learned more information about the AMA than I had expected. Two of my fellow club members at Evergreen decided that they needed to write a letter to AMA to disclaim my editorials, for fear of reprisals from the AMA. Fear is a great motivator. This Special Board Meeting was called, but did not include me, and as the current secretary of the club, I should have been notified also. The president of the AMA also felt he had to answer my editorial. He hardly writes more than a couple of paragraphs normally, but he wrote over a full page in his answer to my editorial. That tells me that there is a problem happening in the AMA.

My second editorial, "AMA Re-applied - "Winds of Change", was printed in the December Newsletter for Evergreen Maltese Club. It was sort of an answer to the first. It corrected a couple of points misstated in the first editorial as well as printed a "Response letter from Dennis Pearson", a very smart person in my estimation.

We are all gathered together for the common goal of our beloved Maltese. When we deviate from that goal in the interest of politics, there is naturally going to be dissention in the ranks. A club is formed from the members it gathers. It is the snowball effect. You start out with a small group of people interested in the same thing and gather more and more people with the same interest. Eventually you have a large club with many members. All with different ideas and ways of accomplishing goals. The more the merrier! At least in my estimation that is the way it should be. (If you want an elite group with only a select few, you should probably join a country club.) These merrier members want to have a say in the end result of the way in which we reach our common goals. They do the work, they provide the materials, they raise the funds, they deserve a say in the way things are run. And that is called a "Vote".

I write all of this as background to the last couple of months of happenings in my life. I try very hard to be a morally honorable person and I expect that in return from people I deal with. I want to know that

the people I have elected to an office are performing their duties to the best of their abilities along the guidelines set out by a majority of the membership. Thus my interest in being a member of the AMA.

One of my favorite thoughts is an "Old Irish Blessing"

Always remember to forget the things that made you sad.

But never forget to remember the things that made you glad.

Always remember to forget the friends that proved untrue.

But never forget to remember those that have stuck by you.

Always remember to forget the troubles that passed away.

But never forget to remember the blessings that come each day.

Lynnette

Note: PRM welcomes any comments from our members. If you have any opinions about Lynnette's article, or for any other article or topic you are encouraged to submit it by email to our editor, at VanView@msn.com or to our Club President, Char Woltner at Notorimaltese@aol.com. If you are not able to use email, you can send your comments direct to Char Woltner at 656 Riverview Drive, Salem, OR 97304.

Some important and helpful information from Nedra about purchasing a Maltese:

If you don't own a Maltese and want to make your first purchase of one, here's something that you will want to know: A Maltese in long coat must be brushed daily and have its eyes and face cleaned, if left in long coat it must have its hair tied up in a top knot to keep the hair away from its eyes as not to irritate them. The Maltese is admired and desired as they are very attractive and have the sweetest nature; they have been around for thousands of years.

Special concerns:

hypoglycemia, patellar luxation, deafness, undescended testicles, and dental disease.

There are many books to help you. I have listed just a few in regards to Maltese and Maltese grooming. Talk to other breeders of Maltese and find out what products they find are successful.

The Maltese By Vicki Heirreff....**This is a favorite of mine.**

The Maltese Aristocrat By Vicki Abbott.

The Maltese Dog by Dennis Carno.

The Maltese by Anna Kathrine Nicholas.

Maltese by Kathy Di Giacomo and Barbara J. Berquist.

Guide To owning a Maltese by Brndlyn James.

I always tell people who inquire about owning a Maltese from me that it is a 15 to 18 year commitment and it is like having a real baby with all the responsibility of medical and dental and yes indeed potty training; the only good thing is there is no college tuition.

Suggestions for you so that you will be prepared when you receive your Maltese.

Join and all breed club and learn your desired breed.

Attend dog shows and get to know the Maltese breeders.

Establishing you with a vet that has had a great deal of experience with the toy breed such as Maltese.

Finding your Maltese puppy, look to Maltese show breeders at dog shows to get to know Maltese that are being produced and shown in the ring, no breeder can afford to breed genetically inferior Maltese.

Who is your breeder? Find a breeder who will always be there for you to help you as you learn more about your Maltese.

What to look for positive in a breeder, one who is eagerly ready to help you with getting a Maltese and one who is happy with what she is doing in her own breeding program and willing to share information with you.

What to avoid in a breeder, one who will not be open and share much needed help, one should never be too busy, avoid one who wants only to talk to you on the phone and suggests you meet at a place other than her home, if puppies are due to be whelped be understanding at meet at a later date after whelping and be willing to visit in the living room rather than where new mom or puppies are at. She can bring your projected puppy into you, never expect to get to choose a puppy as the breeder knows what puppy she wants to give up.

What age should you buy a show puppy? If you are buying a show puppy you should observe the puppy for 7 to 9 months before you finalize a sale, anything earlier is a show prospect and can lead to disappointment later.

What to expect in a quality pet Maltese puppy, your puppy should be sound and healthy, nice in all ways, breeders place for many reasons, tail can be tight or too loose, teeth shifting, coat not just quite correct, too long of nose, weak pigment, there is no such thing as perfect but breeders want as correct as possible so you still should be receiving a nice Maltese.

What do you know about grooming a Maltese? Maltese must be bathed every week to 10 days and groomed daily, every 10 days it is pad trimming and nail cutting and after bath it is ear hair plucking time, it is very important to keep those ears cleaned and dry to avoid yeast infections.

Male or female, this is something you and only you can decide, if you are buying a pet at an early age and neuter or spay there is very little difference they both squat to pee.

Show prospect is just that it is a Maltese that is being watched carefully to see if it will be correct for the ring.

Visiting the breeder and viewing your puppy, remember your breeder knows best and this is a time to ask lots of questions in regards to all of your concerns, make your list up before you get there, bring your favorite socks and take off your shoes when entering her home to avoid bring in virus or bacteria.

Paperwork, make sure breeder has all the AKC paper work correct and ready.

Be prepared and educated on your Maltese needs, read as many books as you can.

Carriers and playpens, Cherrybrook dog catalog can help you with many of your needs, play yards are obtainable at Toys r US.

Toys and bedding again there are many dog catalogs to find your needs.

Food and dishes, ask your breeder what she recommends for puppies diet, you can further talk this over with your vet of choice. Dishes should all be stainless steel and you can also use a water bottle attached to puppies crate or play yard.

Puppy hygiene, sometimes puppies get poop stuck in their hair around the anus, just scoop puppy up, and hold the puppy under the tummy with back legs extended toward the lukewarm water with your fingers up and over puppies back, thumb hold tail taut and with other hand shampoo this area, dry well with a dryer on low and let puppy play as normal.

Potty training, there are many good articles in books and on the internet so enjoy and find what works best for you.

Grooming equipment and supplies, again, catalogs will have all of these; speak to your breeder to see what she recommends.

Eye stain a common issue with Maltese, go to the Internet to find Bobbie Lindens wonderful article that can help you.

Caring for your puppy read those books listed above.

Bringing puppy home to a larger older canine, do your research here and use common sense.

Vet costs and vaccination schedule along with good dental care, this you should discuss with your vet before you decide to purchase a Maltese, this can be very expensive, be prepared to spend money in this area.

Learn to be the ALPHA, teach your dog you are the boss, train and love your Maltese.

If you have researched this list above and still want a Maltese then you are on the right track to enjoying and have fun with a remarkable beautiful little dog.

Remember, a common misconception is that you can buy a Maltese puppy and expect it to look like a Maltese this cannot occur except for a great deal of preparation and work behind the scenes.

Nedra Harris

In Closing:

Don't forget that PRM Membership Dues must be paid before the end of January. If you still need to pay them, just mail your payment to Char Woltner, 656 Riverview Drive, Salem, OR 97304.

Also just another reminder that PRM Club meeting for February will be held on February 23rd (4th Wednesday of February) at Izzy's in Wilsonville. This was temporarily changed from the 3rd Wednesday because of a scheduling conflict at Izzys. Please attend if you are able.