



Pacific Rim Maltese Club

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NEWSLETTER

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Monthly Pacific Rim Maltese Club Meeting

Meeting Place: Wilsonville Izzy's, May 18, 2005.

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM. Members present were Char Woltner, Eileen Bentz, Zel and Shirley Gernhart, JoAnne McKenney, Sharon Brunner, and Elaine Lancaster,

President's report:

Char wanted to thank all those that have stood up for the PRM club and help to support the members of the club. We are becoming a close knit group because of our hard work and hard times.

Char relayed that she hoped as many members of the club as is possible are able to attend this years Specialty event. It promises to be our best show yet! We are in need of volunteers to help with the show. Please contact Char if you are interested. Also, we are now accepting donations for the show.

Secretary's report:

Elaine was late to the meeting so Joanne did the reading for new applicants Melanie and James Barnes. When Elaine arrived she did the second reading on Eva and Chris Gillett, Sylvia Prat, and Barbara Rosenthal. Zel moved to accept the applicants: Eva and Chris Gillett, Sylvia Prat, and Barbara Rosenthal into membership. Joanne

seconded the motion and a unanimous vote was taken to accept them into membership.

Treasurer's report:

Shirley reported that there was \$1,276.77 in checking and \$4,732.95 in savings. Shirley noted that we have received donations for our October Show. Donations came from Evergreen Maltese Club in the amount of \$25, and from Susie Swane in the amount of \$100.00. Also, Marilyn Singe donated \$100.00 to the Trophy fund! Thank you so much to Evergreen, Susie and Marilyn for your generous donations!

Discussion was made regarding our donation to Evergreen for their Specialty. It was decided that we would send our donation in the amount that we sent last year. Also, discussion was made about donating to other clubs. It was decided that we would look at past history.

Old Business

Zel gave a report on where we are with the Hotel Contract. We discussed meals and table placements.

New Business

Char announced that Vonnie had open-heart surgery this month. We all wish you a speedy recovery and best wishes in your recovery Vonnie!

We went over committees and who is in charge of them.

Discussion was made about the arranged photography.

Zel said he would check with his contact to see if it would be possible to have PRMC aprons made with PRMC logo on it.

It was decided that Char and Shirley would be in charge of Advertising and publicity
Elaine will be the Hospitality Coordinator.

Zel is the Show Chairman however more volunteers are needed. Contact Char, the President, or Zel, Show Chairman if you would like to help.

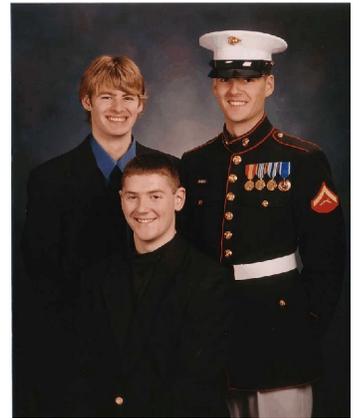
The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Char moved that the meeting be adjourned. Joanne seconded the motion. Our next meeting will be 6:00 p.m., June 15, 2005 to be held at the Wilsonville Izzy's.

Request from a Military Mom



D.J.

As many of you I have a family member serving in the military. My son DJ is in the Marines. He is stationed in the city of Fallujah in Iraq. This experience has given me a keen perspective on the importance of family. I cherish the moments I get to talk to him on the phone and letters I get. I pour myself into the care packages I send, thinking of my little boy and the things I think he would like. However, I am realizing he is no longer a boy, but a man determined to protect his family and his country. When my boys were little I taught them to stick up for those that couldn't stand up for themselves. I didn't know just how far that would lead. I am grateful for our military men and women that are willing to give up the comforts they are accustomed to, and possibly their own lives for my freedom. I wish freedom were free, but it is not. I cherish the freedom I enjoy even more now that I have so much at stake.



Daniel, D.J., and Joey Lancaster

As DJ finishes his tour of duty and my youngest son, Joey, begins his tour in Sept of 06, I am reminded again and again of the importance of family and how all other things including (dare I say it?) the dog show world are secondary to the importance of loving and caring for each other. I for one will make sure they know just how very much I love each of them. I truly am blessed!

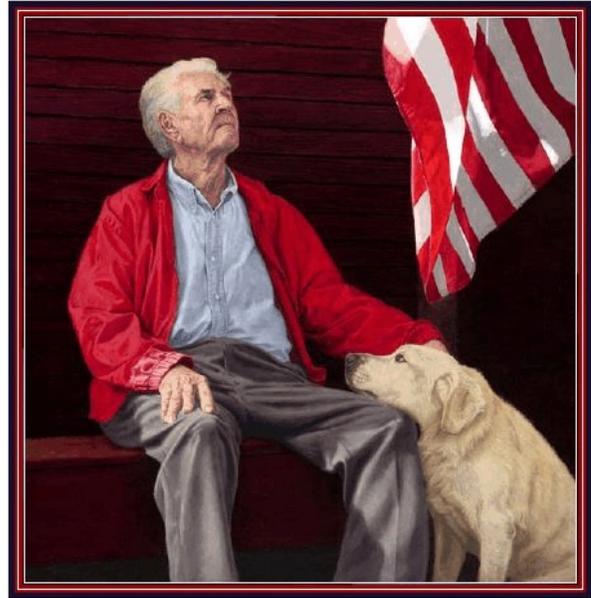
So if you too are appreciative of what these men and women have given to you please join me in honoring them for serving us in our time of need and preserving the freedom that we sometimes take for granted.

Sincerely,

N. Elaine Lancaster,
Military Mom and
Pacific Rim Maltese Club Secretary

The Veteran

It is the VETERAN, not the preacher,
who has given us freedom of religion.
It is the VETERAN, not the reporter,
who has given us freedom of the press.
It is the VETERAN, not the poet, I
who has given us freedom of speech.
It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer,
who has given us freedom to assemble.
It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer,
who has given us the right to a fair trial.
It is the VETERAN, not the politician,
Who has given us the right to vote.



*Friends are like Stars.....you don't always see them, but you know
they are always there!*

BRAGS:

Joe and Char would like to Introduce Joey and Jill's "Potential Two Best of Show"





“PAWS UP”

By Lynette Payson

This is a story about a wonderful show dog, Poppi. It was previously printed in the Evergreen Maltese Club Newsletter several years ago, but it still is a concern of breeders that we must not forget. It only happens to 1 out of 1000 dogs, and it can happen to anyone.

Poppi is a show dog. She had been in the show ring for a time, but we found it was not what she wanted to do with her life. She was from good sturdy stock, both parents were Champions and we thought she might produce some nice puppies. We decided to breed her once, schedule a c-section delivery of the puppies, then spay her at the same time. It was a classic breeding, only twice three days apart. It was a normal pregnancy with no problems and the c-section delivery was also normal. Poppi was a little over 3 years old and in good health. The puppies, two gorgeous little boys of average weight, were very healthy.

Everything was going very well and then 2 ½ weeks after the birth, Poppi started walking with a list, off balance. She was taken to the veterinarian and many tests were administered. Medication was given for various possible problems, while we waited for results on the tests and kept close observation. Poppi never stopped caring for her puppies, never lost her appetite, and never would allow herself to mess in the house. She insisted on going outside to do her business.

A week went by. Some days showed a little improvement, some days no improvement, or failing. Poppi was getting worse and we still did not know what was wrong with her. The decision was made to take her to ‘Washington State University Veterinary Clinic, in Pullman, Washington. We spoke with Dr. Moore, head of Neurology and Endocrinology at WSU. During this visit, Poppi could not stand by herself. She had to be guided by hanging on to her tail to help her balance while she went outside to relieve herself. She still cared for her pups as a healthy mother would do. She continued to have a good appetite and drank fluids readily, but her eyes were vacant at times, her hearing was affected, she was gravely ill and we feared she would die.

She had more tests and an MRI and more tests. The MRI revealed fluid around her spine with a heavy concentration of fluid above the abdomen and three spots of the same fluid in her brain. Dr. Moore did not suspect a tumor but did tests for all possible contagious diseases and tests for several different kinds of parasites. He suggested we start a barrage of medication in hopes that something would work to bring her back to health while we returned home to wait the two weeks for test results.

We weaned the puppies right away, (they were 4 weeks old) quarantined Poppi from the other dogs, and the pups, and started the regiment of administering medication. Within two days there was a noticeable improvement. Her eyes were not vacant and she was gaining strength. One of the 6 medications was working. She improved daily and by the two weeks the tests were back, she was almost herself. The tests came back negative, all of them. We still do not know what she had. We surmised that since there was not a test for larval migration, we would re-administer the Panacur medication she was taking for parasites for another two weeks. (Larval Migration is the term for parasites burrowing into tissue and then going dormant until estrogen levels tell them to migrate into the embryo sack and infesting the pup.)

Poppi is back almost completely. She can jump on the sofa and run the way she used to do. She can play with her squeaky toys and has great fun wrestling with her pups, now 12 weeks old. She still has occasional trouble with balance, but regains her composure quickly. We expect her to retrain her brain with some functions that used to come naturally to her and she may have a little trouble now doing. We call her “4 on the floor Poppi girl”.

We are so thankful that we were able to bring Poppi back to us. She is an extraordinary dog. It is these wonderful qualities she possesses that helped her through this endeavor as well as the love and quick action of friends.

I recently spoke to a friend about Poppi's health problem and she related a similar story to me. She had known a breeder of Non-sporting dogs that had a bitch go down the same way. Several tests were done with no answers being found. The dog did finally die. When the necropsy was performed, parasites were found in the body. Parasites are a terrible nuisance. Poppi was wormed as a puppy on a regular schedule. We as breeders need to practice overkill when we are dealing with parasites. Some dogs need worming more often. In those first weeks of a puppies life we need to be relentless on the administration of wormers and continue a regular treatment throughout the dogs life.

Update.....

It has been several years since this article first appeared in the Evergreen Maltese Newsletter and Poppi is still with us. She is almost 9 years old and still as feisty as when she was younger. She has a problem walking, she wobbles somewhat, but she still moves by herself, still insists on going potty outside and still has a great appetite. Every once in a while, she has some pain in her back and we have to give her some medication to help her, but she is healthy and a very loveable Maltese

Lynnette

Please note that PRM is asking for donations for trophies to be given at the October Specialty. These can be sent to Char, at 656 Riverview Dr., NW, Salem, OR 97304.

If you have any special needs getting to and from the Portland Airport for the October Specialty please give Char a call at 503-370-9999 or 503-949-4477.

PRM would like to give thanks to Elaine's son, and all others who are in the US Military who are risking it all for our security here on the home front. May all of those who are away return home safe.

THE AMA

In regard to the AMA's RX April/May 2005 edition.

It appears that the AMA is going through some trying times and is attempting to reach out to their members for answers. Let us hope we can come together as a whole and help provide those answers for the betterment of the Club, and that we can go back to enjoying the Maltese Dogs that we hold so dear. That we can have fun and enjoy our friends and lend a helping hand when needed. Hopefully we can put past differences aside and quit the slander and innuendoes. After all this is supposed to be an exciting, enjoyable sport, competitive yes, but enjoyable.

Char Woltner