



Pacific Rim Maltese Club

June 2005

NEWSLETTER

President: Char Woltner - notorimaltese@aol.com; Vice President: Eileen Bentz - esbentz@quick.com; Secretary: Elaine Lancaster - vicnelaine@msn.com; Treasurer: Shirley Gernhart - Sheartland@aol.com; Newsletter Editor: Van Vandervort - VanView@msn.com

Monthly Pacific Rim Monthly Club Meeting:

Meeting Place: Wilsonville Izzy's.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Members present were Char Woltner, Eileen Bentz, Zel and Shirley Gernhart, JoAnne McKenney, Carrie and Jeff Dorn, and Elaine Lancaster.

President's report:

Char said that an updated roster would be sent out to members only.

Secretary's report:

Elaine did second reading for Melanie and John Barns. A vote was taken to accept both into membership. Acceptance was unanimous.

Treasurer's report:

Shirley turned in bills for check and labels in the amount of \$31.34 Zel moved that Shirley be reimbursed for purchase and Joanne seconded the motion. Shirley mentioned that we received donations for the show, \$35.00 from Evergreen and \$30.00 from Central Valley.

Currently we have \$1321.71 in Checking and \$4734.96 in Savings.

Old Business

Zel and Char are going to the Inn at the Quay to confirm show accommodations.

New Business

Carrie and Jeff Dorn will be the Banquet Chairpersons and will help Eileen with the auction.

We talked about trophies. Char will call around for samples for Best of Breed.

Eileen brought in 50/50 tickets. Carrie will mail out to members.

Char is donating Judges gifts she will purchase gifts from Harry and David's.

Eileen made a motion to give \$25.00 to Greater Michigan for their Specialty. Zel seconded the motion.

Braggs

Eileen bragged that Noel finished.

Elaine bragged that she was accepted into the Dental Hygiene Program at Portland Community College. She will begin classes in the fall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. Zel moved that the meeting be adjourned. Joanne seconded the motion. Our next meeting will be 6:00 pm, July 20, 2005 to be held at the Wilsonville Izzy's.

"PAWS UP"



By Lynette Payson

That cute little pink nose may not be desirable. "Winter Nose" is the term associated with a pink nose on a Maltese. We in the Pacific Northwest have our share of winter nose, but what is it exactly?

The lack of pigmentation in the nose leather causes "winter nose". I polled a few people from different areas in the United States and Canada to respond to their viewpoint on this problem in our Maltese.

Most people that I spoke to or corresponded with felt that winter nose or fading of pigment was caused by lack of sunlight, and when more sun was available the noses would return to normal. Joyce Watkins of Marcris Maltese, in South Florida, does not normally get light pigment because getting out in the sun usually takes care of it. Linda Haas, Talin Maltese, did have a problem with winter nose while living in Ohio, but she felt the pigment on this particular dog was not good to begin with and after moving to Florida she has had no more problem with light pigment. MaryLou Porlick, Gulfstream Maltese (retired), from Southern Florida has a problem with summer nose instead of winter nose. In the winter it is cool enough for our dogs to go outside. In the summer it is too hot and they are inside in air conditioning. That is when they lose pigment. She says, "If I lived in the North I would try a sunlight lamp in the winter, used carefully of course."

In White Rock, B.C., Carol Lee Turnbull of Munchkin Maltese does have fading noses in winter when the dogs can't get out side for some sun rays. She doesn't do anything about it except add "missing link" to their food and put the dogs outside as soon as the weather permits.

Cindy Jones, Senoj Maltese, lives in Eastern Washington and feels because of the developed desert area in which she lives, she has little to no problems with winter noses. Occasionally a small amount of fading during the winter season but she is not bothered by it as she does not do a lot of showing during the winter season.

Kathy Sanguinet of Ragtak Maltese, in Southern California, says some dogs never get winter nose. "I have three that hate going outside, and have to push them out the door. Their noses stay black year round. Then there is my pet Gizmo who is always outside (in the mud) and never has had a black nose in his life."

All six breeders felt that aging dogs also experienced fading pigment as well as bitches in season. Dogs that are not in good health also may experience fading pigment. Linda who sees this phenomenon occurring more in bitches than dogs, was advised while in Ohio, to add sea kelp to the dog food and to use full spectrum lights in the dog room. Some have used tanning lights, making sure to cover the eyes to protect against damage. Most get their dogs outside as much as possible.

We can guess that Maltese living in all sunny areas have little to no problem with fading pigment, as their dogs are able to get outside more often for the enjoyment of the fresh air and sunshine. My dogs love to be outside when it is warm. When it rains they high tail it for the barn and their cozy warm blankets and don't wake them until Spring.

I had an opportunity to view an oil painting by Bobbi Ritter a short time ago. To my knowledge the painting wasn't titled but the subject was one of Bobbi's pet Maltese, Crissy by name. Crissy's hair was all askew and in her face. She had a childlike playful expression and was sporting one of the prettiest pink noses I have ever seen. The painting was very charming and reflected the love that Bobbi has for her Maltese.

All the information that I can gather about "winter nose" tells me that most breeders are not too terribly bothered by the problem. After all it is a part of our Maltese at some point in their lives. We deal with it if we have to, change what we can with healthy food and supplements, try to breed for strong pigment, and plenty of love for our companions.

Lynnette

From Brenda Morris:

Dewey & Punky are two of my kids that she gave me with the proviso that I put titles on the other end. I think they've done rather well. No one else has three generations of Master level agility dogs to my knowledge...especially in the Maltese breed. Generation #4 is going to get started next month in agility. If you want articles on agility, check my website:



<http://www.agility4u.com>

Photo of Dewey, Punky & Ticket was taken by Ann Clayton at a trial in Salt Lake City (Peggy Wanner)

THIS IS SOME GOOD ADVICE!

If a dog was the teacher you would learn stuff like:

When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.

Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.

Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.

When it's in your best interest, practice obedience.

Let others know when they've invaded your territory.

Take naps.

Stretch before rising.

Run, romp, and play daily.

Thrive on attention and let people touch you.

Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.

On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.

On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.

When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.

**No matter how often you're scolded,
don't buy into the guilt thing and pout..!
run right back and make friends.**

Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.

**Eat with gusto and enthusiasm. Stop
when you have had enough.**

**Be loyal. Never pretend to be something
you're not.**

**If what you want lies buried, dig until
you find it.**

**When someone is having a bad day, be
silent, sit close by and nuzzle them
gently.**

**TRY TO BE THE KIND OF
PERSON YOUR DOG
THINKS YOU ARE**

**Editor's Note: Because of computer
problems this newsletter has been
delayed. The July Newsletter should
be out on or before August 10th and
I'll be updating everyone about the
upcoming PRM Specialty Show when
this is published. If you have any input
that is of general interest and would like
to insert it in the newsletter, please let me
know.**

Member's Input

Hi Char:

Excellent PRMC Newsletter I received today and I was happy to read the last paragraph you wrote regarding AMA. I also hope and pray that someday all of the differences can be eliminated and that we can be one happy group of just Maltese loving enthusiasts.

So disappointed I won't be able to meet all you nice people this year and I really, really look forward to joining you all in Portland next year.

With Maltese love,

Marilyn Singe