



Pacific Rim Maltese Club

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NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY 2006 PRM CLUB MEETING:

The January 17, 2006 meeting was called to order by President Char Woltner at the Wilsonville Izzy's.

Members Present:

Van and Vonnie Vandervort, Sharon Binger, Char and Joe Woltner, Elaine Lancaster, JoAnne McKenney,

Shirley and Zel Gernhart and Eileen Bentz.

President's Report:

This years show will be at the Inn at the Quay in Vancouver, WA again October 27th, 2006.

Elaine Lancaster is the Show Chairman.

There was talk about whether we should have a lunch or a sandwich bar with drink. JoAnne made a motion that we not have a luncheon but instead have a sandwich bar with drinks back in a room. Motion carried.

JoAnne McKenney and Sharon Bruner will be in charge of getting sandwich items and drinks. Sharon Bruner and Sharon Binger will be in charge of the PRM items that we will sell. Eileen Bentz will be in charge of the Auction and JoAnne McKenney will be in charge of the raffle.

We will be using the same ring steward as last year. Gary Stiles will be the Sweeps Judge and Alan Immerman will be the obedience judge.

This was open discussion about the next show.

Secretary's Report:

We read the minutes from the December meeting. We did the 2nd reading for Sally Scholls-Brandes and Sue and Steve Collins.

Welcome to our new members.

Treasurer's Report:

A check was issued to Zel Gernhart for \$77.07 for reimbursement for hotel costs. Savings: \$3422.77; Checking: \$3257.15.

We went over some Bi-Law changes and updates.

Shirley moved we accept the Bi-Law Changes (rewording).

We voted to update wording on Articles: Dues—Article 3, Section 3; Meeting—Article 3, Section 1

Elaine Lancaster made a motion to accept the changes and JoAnne McKenney 2nd.

Meeting of the Board of Directors—Article 3, Section 3.

Elaine made a motion to accept as read. Vonnie 2nd motion. Motion passed.

Shirley made a motion to set up a committee to go over the Bi-Laws. JoAnne 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

The Bi-Law changes have been approved and will be sent to the AKC for pre-approval pursuant to procedure.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM

January Biography for Sheila Riley:

I live in the Sierra Mountain foothills in California, known as the Mother Lode. We moved to this area about 8 years ago and were fortunate enough to have a house built to comfortably accommodate the dogs. I have been married for over 32 years now, have two grown sons and three grandchildren, one of which is deceased, but always remembered and loved.

When my sons were in their mid teens and no longer needed mothering, I still had the instinctive need to mother - something. For two years I researched breeds and was always drawn to the Maltese. I finally asked my husband for one and his response was "The kids are almost grown now and we will be free from those responsibilities. Let's not get a dog." My response back, "Just because the kids are grown and no longer need to be mothered, does not mean I am through mothering. I either want a Maltese or I want another baby!" Well, it wasn't long after that conversation that I got my first Maltese! Three weeks later I went back and bought her littermate sister. Tasha and Tiffany are still with us, thank God, at 12 - 1/2 years of age.

The love for the breed just kept growing. I started attending meetings of the local Maltese club, California Central Valley Maltese Club (CCVMC). I started attending confirmation classes and entering shows. As much as I enjoy dog shows, I never felt that showing was my strong point. It takes me too long to do topknots and I used to get lipstick all over the dogs. I also found it hard for me to meet my responsibilities with the dogs at home as well as the dogs with me at the shows, so a number of years ago I started using the services of professional handlers. Tonia Holibaugh has handled most of my dogs to their championship. She does an exquisite job with the dogs. Her grooming is wonderful, she is great at understanding and training each individual dog, and they love her. I really enjoy watching her show my dogs to their best. Needless to say, I rarely go into the ring anymore unless it is to help others. I am really good at showing down a dog <ggggg>. I belong to every Maltese club in the U.S and have served as president and board member for CCVMC.

Years ago when I first meet Tonia, she introduced me to Angela Stanberry of Divine Maltese. Angie has been my best friend and mentor ever since. Without her guidance and sharing her gene pool with me, my breeding program would not be where it is now. I have met many good friends in the dog show world.

Breeding, whelping, and caring for the babies are my passions. I know, I am crazy! It is the most gratifying and at the same time can be the most devastating, the STRESS, but I LOVE THE BABIES!! Kissin' and lovin' on them and watching them develop, and oh that puppy breath! WOW, it just doesn't get much better! Except maybe for the Best In Show wins of Ch. Divine's Marc of Friendship, of which I am co-breeder with Angela Stanberry. Marc closed out 2005 as the #1 Maltese in the United States, thanks to the collective efforts and contributions of Angie, Tonia, Sheila Meyers, Linda Nelson, Barbara Davis, and Christine Gillies. Also, in 2005 his mother, Ch. MaltAngel I Will Rejoice, received her ROM and tied for AMA's Top Dam. What an exciting year!

I love learning new things about the Maltese. I can never learn enough. I am consistently asking questions and wanting to know more.

Shelia Riley

HEARTWORM DISEASE

Mosquito bites are more than a nuisance; they can threaten your pet's life. A bite can transmit a very serious, infectious illness called "Heartworm Disease." Heartworm Disease occurs in dogs and cats wherever and whenever mosquitoes are found. It is most common in the warmer months and warmer parts of the country, but can be a problem just about anywhere in the country. Prevention of Heartworm Disease should be a part of a pet's routine health care.

Heartworm Disease is caused by a parasite named *Dirofilaria immitis*. In their immature, microscopic stage, the heartworms are carried by mosquitoes. They are injected into your pet while the mosquito is feeding. The immature worms migrate through the body, eventually reaching the heart, lungs, and connecting blood vessels. In approximately six months, they grow to become adults as long as 14 inches in length. When they reproduce, their tiny offspring, called microfilariae, circulate in the bloodstream. At this point they can be spread to another animal by a mosquito bite.

Because these parasites live in the heart and blood vessels, the disease signs are those of heart and lung problems. Animals with heartworm disease may tire easily, cough, lose weight, and have trouble breathing. As the illness progresses, animals may have fluid build-up in the abdomen and swelling of the legs. If not identified and treated, heartworms can cause collapse and the death of the pet. Cats may show no signs, but die without warning.

Heartworms are identified using a simple blood test. Dogs should be routinely screened for heartworm disease, as treatment is most successful if the illness is identified in its early stages. If a dog is identified as having Heartworm Disease, it can be treated with an injectable medication. The treatment is carried out in two stages, carries some risk, and requires the animal to be rested for several weeks.

Prevention is much easier than treatment. All dogs should be routinely tested for Heartworm Disease. Testing is typically done on an annual basis, although some dogs may require more frequent testing. Dogs with a negative heartworm test should be placed on a preventative medication. It is important to understand that the preventative should never be given without performing the blood test. Placing any animal on preventative that is already infected with heartworms can result in a severe reaction and the death of the animal.

Several types of preventative medication are available, including tablets given on a daily basis, monthly tablets, and a monthly spot-on topical solution. Animals should be on preventative medication whenever mosquitoes are present. Even animals on year-round preventative medication need yearly heartworm tests. This way any accidental infection can be identified and treated. Cats can also be placed on a monthly heartworm preventative medication, available either as a tablet or a spot-on topical solution.

Heartworm Disease is a potentially fatal disease that is difficult and dangerous to treat. However, it is easy to prevent. Routine blood testing and the use of preventative medications can stop heartworms before they cause disease in you pets.

Dr. Jane Leon

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Reminder(s)

THE WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW BEGINS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

The 130th Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show airs live for two nights on USA Network beginning Monday, February 13 at 8/7C. The 2006 field will feature more than 2,500 dogs representing 165 recognized breeds, all competing for the coveted title of Best in Show. We at Pacific Rim Maltese Club hope that this title goes to one of our club members who will be participating. "Go Maltese Go!"

The PRM Maltese Club Roster will be published in approximately 30 days. Some members have not yet paid. If your dues are not received at that time (\$10.00 per each Associate Member), your name will not appear on the Club Roster. Please send your payments to our Pacific Rim Maltese Club, c/o Char Woltner at 656 Riverview Dr NW, Salem, OR 97304 if you have not yet paid

BRAGS:

CHAR WANTS TO LET EVERYONE KNOW THAT HER ARTHUR (FROM TNT KENNELS) RECENTLY WON BEST OF WINNERS AND BEST OF OPPOSITE IN THE ROSE CITY CLASSIC (PORTLAND, OREGON)



The Cheers we received above are from Sandra Goose Allen. Sandra was one of our judges at the PRM Specialty last October. We appreciated having Sandra as our judge as well as having Lynnette Payson (for sweeps), and to Noreen Cartwright (for obedience). Thank you ladies

Our prayers and wishes go out to Doug Philipps, and hope that he gets well soon.

Our condolences to Lynette Payson for her loss of her Barne

For Sharon Pearson we are glad to hear that your Dee Dee is doing Well

