



# May 2007 NEWSLETTER

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**May 2007 Club Meeting:** The May meeting of the Pacific Rim Maltese Club was called to order by President Char Woltner at Izzy's Restaurant, Wilsonville, on Tuesday, May 22, at 6:55 p.m.

**Members Present:** Zel Gernhart, JoAnne McKenney, Joe Woltner, Char Woltner, Eileen Bentz, Jeff and Carrie Dorn, Elaine Lancaster, Cheri Lucas and Judy Madson.

The Secretary was not present so Judy Madson took minutes. No minutes for April meeting were available.

Judy McQuiston was voted in as a new member - Welcome Judy!

**Treasures Report:** Checking Account: \$2,831.06; Savings: \$3,440.37.

In Future, the second signature on our checks will be that of JoAnne McKenney.

We have been asked by a few AMA members if we would be interested in hosting the 2009 Nationals in Portland. It was voted and approved (8 yes, 2 no). We have a date in Sep in mind and are now working on hotel accommodations. We will be sending the board a packet of our bid this month.

Zel Gernhart asked if anyone wants the Club trailer or the ring Mats that are stored inside. Eileen stated that she would like to have them.

Also our sympathy goes out to Zel and Shirley for the lose of Shirley's mother.

The rest of the evening was spent on discussing the Pacific Rim Maltese Show. Joyce Watkins sent a check earmarked for the auction.

Suzie and Jack is buying all the Trophy Ribbons. Best in Show stained glass will be donated by Peggy Wanner, made by Carrie Dorn. Cheri Lucas is donating the lunch with Judy Madsen.

Zel and Shirley is donating coffee cups and Maltese ornaments. Chris and Manny are donating the table favors.

We are asking for Auction Donations! Meeting was adjourned, next meeting will be 6:30 p.m. June 19, 2007 at Izzy's

Hope everyone's having a great winning summer!!!! See you all soon!

## Newsletter Input:

I wanted to add a new feature last month which would allow member's to share questions or input on better ways to care for our Maltese Dogs. What I did was ask one question about what we did to care for the ear problems that seem to be to frequent for the Maltese breed.

## Readers Input:

Pamela Ziemek wrote: Her vet said the best way to keep their ears clean and to remove all the ear hair. . She said that she was unsure about this method when doing this for your show dog. She said it did help to keep the "brown gunk" away. She reminded us to be sure and dry their ears thoroughly after bathing.

Vonnie Vandervort said: Sometimes ear problems can get severe enough that it will require a veterinary visit. One solution she was given was to use a prescription drug called "Otomax" ointment. Her instructions from the vet was to put 4 drops in both ears once daily for seven days. She said that this has been a helpful solution.

If you have any feedback on ear problems, or would like to suggest another Maltese issue for our June newsletter please email me.

-Van Vandervort

## Tick Removal:

I hope that you never need this info but just in case something that was recently passed on to me, and might even work well on or dogs should it be necessary:

I had a pediatrician tell me what she believes is the best way to remove a tick.

This is great, because it works in those places where it's sometimes difficult to get to with tweezers: between toes, in the middle of a head full of dark hair, etc.

Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and let it stay on the repulsive insect for a few seconds (15-20), after which the tick will come out on it's own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away.

This technique has worked every time I've used it (and that was frequently), and it's much less traumatic for the patient and easier for me.

Unless someone is allergic to soap, I can't see that this would be damaging in any way. I even had my doctor's wife call me for advice because she had one stuck to her back and she couldn't reach it with tweezers. She used this method and immediately called me back to say, "It worked!"

## A Forward from Peggy Wanner:

To all my animal-loving friends out there.

If I had no pets....

I could walk around the yard barefoot in safety.

My house could be carpeted instead of tiled and laminated.

All flat surfaces, clothing, furniture, and cars would be free of hair.

When the doorbell rings, it wouldn't sound like the kennels.

When the doorbell rings, I could get to the door without wading through fuzzy bodies who beat me there.

I could sit on the couch the way I wanted, without taking into consideration how much space several fur bodies would need to get comfortable.

I would not have strange presents under my Christmas tree -- dog bones, stuffed animals, nor would I have to answer to people why I wrap them.

I would not be on a first-name basis with three veterinarians.

The most used words in my vocabulary would not be: out, sit, down, come, no, stay, and leave him/her/it ALONE.

My house would not be cordoned off into zones with baby gates or barriers.

My pockets would not contain things like poop bags, treats and an extra leash.

I would no longer have to spell the words B-A-L-L-, F-R-I-S-B-E- E, or W-A-L-K.

I would not have as many leaves INSIDE my house as outside.

I would not look strangely at people who think having ONE dog ties them down too much.

I'd look forward to spring and the melting of snow instead of dreading mud season.

I would not have to answer the question "Why do you have so many dogs/animals?" from people who will never have the joy in their lives of knowing they are loved unconditionally by something as close to an angel as they will ever get.

How empty my life would be.

- Author unknown