



# *June 2007*

## *NEWSLETTER*

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### June Minutes

Attending this meeting was Zel Gernhart, JoAnne McKenny, Joe and Char Woltner, Elaine Lancaster, Cheri Lucas, Judy Madson and Sharon Brunner.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Treasures report was read:  
Savings---3441.23  
Checking---2821.06

Our specialty:  
Were all very excited about our upcoming Show where we get to see old and new friends and their beautiful Maltese. A luncheon will follow and then a banquet/auction that evening. Judy Madson and Cheri Lucas are providing the luncheon. Char suggested those that could, make up baskets of goodies to be auctioned at the banquet. They can be doggie or other (aroma therapy, etc.) Elaine and JoAnne will make dog biscuit favors, (for humans). Chris and Manny provided charms for our table favors, thanks, guys. It was decided to open up the 50/50 tickets to anyone at the show with drawing done at the banquet.

Please get your dinner reservations in to JoAnne as soon as possible.

Char is looking into a few different hotels that might accommodate the AMA Nationals in 2009. We're all working on it!

A BIG Congratulation to Elaine Lancaster for graduating from Dental Hygienist School.....she is back from South America and treating underprivileged children. Congrats again.

We are still needing donations..Please! This is your club, won't you please help.

The meeting ended at 7:10. The next meeting will be the 17th. of July at Izzy's in Wilsonville.

Hope everyone had a Happy Fourth of July!

## **Raisin or Grape Warning!**

### **Written by:**

**Laurinda Morris, DVM  
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This week I had the first case in history of raisin toxicity ever seen at MedVet. My patient was a 56-pound, 5 yr old male neutered lab mix that ate half a canister of raisins sometime between 7:30AM & 4:30PM on Tuesday. He started with vomiting, diarrhea & shaking about 1AM on Wednesday but the owner didn't call my emergency service until 7AM.

I had heard about raisins & grapes causing acute Renal failure but hadn't seen any formal paper on the subject. We had her bring the dog in immediately. In the meantime, I called the ER service at MedVet & the doctor there was like me - had heard something about it, but.... Anyway, we contacted the ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center & they said to give IV fluids at 1 1/2 times maintenance & watch the kidney values for the next 48-72 hours.

The dog's BUN (blood urea nitrogen level) was already at 32 (normal less than 27) & creatinine over 5 (1.9 is the high end of normal). Both are monitors of kidney function in the bloodstream. We placed an IV catheter & started the fluids. Rechecked the renal values at 5 PM & the BUN was over 40 & creatinine over 7 with no urine production after a liter of fluids. At the point I felt the dog was in acute renal failure & sent him on to MedVet for a urinary catheter to monitor urine output overnight as well as overnight care.

He started vomiting again overnight at MedVet & his renal values have continued to increase daily. He produced urine when given lasix as a diuretic. He was on 3 different anti-vomiting medications & they still couldn't control his vomiting. Today his urine output decreased again, his BUN was over 120, his creatinine was at 10, his phosphorus was very elevated & his blood pressure, which had been staying around 150, skyrocketed to 220.. He continued to vomit & the owners elected to Euthanize.

This is a very sad case - great dog, great owners who had no idea raisins could be a toxin. Please alert everyone you know who has a dog of this very serious risk. **Poison control said as few as 7 raisins or grapes could be toxic. Many people I know give their dogs grapes or raisins as treats including our ex-handler's. Any exposure should give rise to immediate concern.**

**Even if you don't have a dog, you might have friends who do. This is worth passing on to them.**

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### Thought for the Day



*Some days all you can do is smile and wait for some kind soul to come pull your ass out of the bind you've gotten yourself into.*