



Pacific Rim Maltese Mania

Oct 21, 2008

**President: Zel Gernhart Vice
President: JoAnne McKenney
Treasurer: Eileen Bentz
Secretary: Shirley Gernhart
Editor: Barbara Dodge**

President Zel called the meeting to order.

Attending were Zel Gernhart, JoAnne McKenney, Eileen Bentz, and Shirley Gernhart

Minutes of the September 2009 were approved as printed in the newsletter.

The Treasurer reported that the checking balance was 2484.23, Savings balance 4535.65.

President report:

Secretary will send out notices of renewal and the wording will depend on what Mr. Leosis says. We could be fined if we are not following the Constitution. By-Laws as presented to AKC.

Eileen and daughter traveled to Montana to attend the services of Peggy Wanner.

Old Business:

Judges for 2009 specialty will be Kent Delaney in the morning and Michael Heflin in the afternoon for conformation and junior showmanship. Mr. Delaney can do obedience too. This Club is sharing Mr. Delaney will another club so the morning session will have to be completed by noon.

Ring steward is Laurie Lane.

Discussion of schedule--obedience at beginning or in the middle of two sessions. Morning session tentatively --sweeps at 9 and conformation at 10. Afternoon session tentatively 1:30-4. Education seminar after the PM session.

New Business

For the show(s) JoAnne and Zel will be co-chairs and Eileen, the treasurer. Shirley will contact JoAnne and Eileen to set up time to complete the paperwork for AKC.

Pacific Rim Maltese Club

October 21, 2009 6:30 PM Elmer's 82nd @212

Board meeting

Notification of dues. President called AKC Michael Leosis about the club dues and whether the Board could state what the dues are. Mr. Leosis had not received anything re: the constitution/By-Laws concerning the change of the amount of dues or the method of determining the dues amount. The president sent him a copy of the By-Laws amendment stating the Board would decide on the dues amount that had been passed by the Club at two previous meetings. He also sent a letter with it explaining the times of the passage--one in 2005 and the second time in 2007. The president had noted on the amendment at the time when it had passed at the regular meeting. AKC never received it. Thus, as of Oct. 20, 2009 AKC has no record of notification of any By-Law amendments that were approved by the members at a regular meeting.

President Zel is awaiting word from AKC as to the dues' situation. Reminders of renewal will be sent out after AKC responds.

Regular meeting

Convened 10/21/2009 at 7:03PM Elmer's 82nd @212

JoAnne moved and Shirley seconded that the Club give \$50 to Dove Lewis Hospital in Peggy Wanner's name and \$50 to the Rimrod Humane Society (a no-kill place) in Laurel, Montana in Peggy's name. Approved.

Nominating Committee for the Club are Barbara Dodge, JoAnne McKenney and Jeff Dorn.

For the Good of the Order

Eileen gave a report on the latest rescue-- CJ, an 8 year-old deaf Maltese who had been micro chipped. The owner could not keep him. Eileen took him to a vet for check up--ear and teeth problems. He is now in a good home in Washington. Shirley moved and JoAnne seconded that Eileen be reimbursed for the vet cost.

JoAnne was contacted by a person living in Hawaii who was looking for a Maltese. The person looked on the AMA website for contacts. JoAnne referred her to AKC Clubs.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Gernhart

Secretary



Peggy Lou Wanner, a founder and long time member of the Pacific Rim Maltese Club, died October 15, 2009 in Laurel, Montana after a lengthy illness. She was born in Havre, Montana to Henry and Mary Bickford on April 22, 1929. Peggy attended school in Havre and later attended nursing school in Bozeman. She married Ken Miller in 1947 and 3 children were born of this marriage. They later divorced. Peggy married Fred Wanner in 1970. The couple moved to Portland, OR and had recently returned to Laurel. Both wanted to be near their children.

While living in Portland, Peggy filled a passion of taking care of underprivileged individuals. She collected food and clothing which she delivered to many homeless people in the Portland area.

Peggy's greatest passion was her love for animals, especially her Maltese dogs. Her Kandu Kennel name originated from someone saying she could not breed champions and she said she could--thus Kandu. She had many Maltese champions. She was one of a very few who founded the Pacific Rim Maltese Club in 1983. She had been a member of the American Maltese Association.

She is survived by her husband Fred of 38 years; children, Mike Miller, Verna Lawrence, Tim Miller; stepchildren Peggy Schreiner, Vicky Anderson, Rick Wanner, Fred Wanner, Tammy Vogel; 19 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Rocky Mountain Hospice
Rocky Mountain Hospice | 2110 Overland Ave, Suite 111 | Billings, MT 59102 | Phone: (406) 294-0785 | Fax: (406) 294-0788 or the Rimrock Humane Society
<http://www.rimrockhumanesociety.org> or Rimrock Humane Society P.O. Box 834 Roundup, MT 59072 Ph: (406)-323-3687 Fax: (406)-323-1863

The Pacific Rim Maltese Club has donated monies to the Dove Lewis Animal Hospital, Portland, Oregon to commemorate her life in Portland and to the Rimrock Humane Society for her stay in Montana.

Info for The Dove Lewis Animal Hospital, an emergency animal hospital, is

<https://dovelewis.org/>. Other contact info: Northwest Hospital, 1945 NW Pettygrove, Portland, Oregon 97209
Phone: (503) 228-7281



Links

All You Need To Know About Training A Maltese. A Systematically Expert Guide!
www.MalteseSavvy.com

It is better for a dog to get a variety of foods, rather than just one food for its whole life. Feeding different commercial diets can help fill in nutritional gaps that a particular food or brand might have, as well as making it less likely, that your dog will develop food allergies. Rather than trying to find one "perfect" food, it would be better to find 3 or 4 different brands using different protein sources that your dog does well with, and rotate between them, anywhere from daily to every few months. In addition, I suggest adding some fresh foods to the diet, no matter what you feed, including eggs and meat (raw or cooked), canned fish with bones (Jack Mackerel, Pink Salmon, Sardines), dairy (yogurt, cottage cheese) and healthy leftovers (see [Adding Fresh Foods](#) below for more info). When you feed the same food continuously for a month or more, be sure to make the switch gradually to avoid digestive upset, but dogs that are used to getting different foods all the time rarely have any problems with it.

Here are some things to look for in a commercial food:

- **No generic fats or proteins** (e.g., animal fat or meat meal) -- instead, look for named sources such as beef fat, chicken fat or lamb meal (the generic term indicates a mixture coming from a number of sources, a sign of a very poor quality food). I do not consider poultry fat as bad as animal fat, but chicken fat is better. Never feed a food that uses the generic ingredients "meat meal", "meat and bone meal", or "animal fat".
- **Human grade ingredients** (USDA approved). This item is somewhat controversial, as dog foods by law cannot be labeled human grade, but I look for companies that use human grade meats (not meats that were rejected by the human food industry). For even higher quality, look for hormone- and antibiotic-free meats, especially those that are free-range or pasture-raised (note that all poultry is hormone-free, as it is against regulations to give hormones to poultry).
- **Avoid foods that use corn gluten meal**, a cheap waste product from the human food industry that provides incomplete protein for dogs. I consider this ingredient to be one of the hallmarks of poor quality foods. **Wheat gluten meal**, one of the ingredients that caused illness and death due to contamination in the recent Menu Foods recall, is similar -- a cheap source of poor-quality protein used primarily by the lower-quality foods. **Rice protein concentrate**, which was also involved in the pet food recalls,

is a little better quality than the other two, but still provides incomplete plant protein rather than the more desirable animal protein. **Soy protein** has the same problem.

- **No meat by-products or digest** (meal is OK). There is some disagreement whether whole meat is preferable to meal. Meal has been rendered, but it is also dried, so if a meal is listed as the first ingredient, there is greater likelihood that the food contains more meat than grains. When whole meats such as chicken, lamb, turkey, etc. are listed as the first ingredient, there may actually be much less meat due to the weight of the moisture in the meat. Both whole meats and meals are considered acceptable as long as they are identified and not generic (eg, **not** "meat meal" or "meat and bone meal"). By-products may be OK if the company specifies that they are human-grade organs such as liver and kidney, but otherwise they usually signify parts not considered fit for human consumption.
- **No BHA, BHT or Ethoxyquin** (artificial preservatives), another sign of a low quality food. Ethoxyquin is banned from use in foods for human consumption except for the use of very small quantities as a color preservative for spices. Note that [ethoxyquin](#) is used to preserve [fishmeal](#), which will not be disclosed on the dog food label since it is added before the fishmeal reaches the manufacturing plant. In general, unless the manufacturer provides a statement on their web site that the fishmeal in their food does not contain ethoxyquin, you can assume that it does. Contact the manufacturer if you are unsure.
- **No artificial colors, no sugars and sweeteners** (such as corn syrup, sucrose, ammoniated glycyrrhizin), **no propylene glycol** (added to some chewy foods to keep them moist, toxic in large amounts).
- **As few grains as possible** (a whole-meat source should be one of the first two ingredients, preferably two of the top three) -- watch for splitting, such as listing ground yellow corn and corn gluten meal as separate ingredients which together might add up to more than the first ingredient. Note that canned foods often have fewer grains than dry.

Added taurine. Taurine was added to cat foods in the 70's when cats began going blind and dying due to taurine deficiency. Taurine is thought not to be an "essential" amino acid in dogs because they can convert carnitine to taurine. However, links are now being found between problems such as **dilated cardiomyopathy** and

taurine deficiencies. Some dog food companies have begun adding taurine to their foods, and this is probably a good idea. Taurine is affected by heat, so there would not usually be enough natural taurine in processed dog foods, though foods that have a lot of meat will have more natural taurine.

<http://www.dogaware.com/dogfeeding.html#TopCanned>

Mars Petcare US (makers of Pedigree Branded Foods) announced a voluntary recall of products manufactured at its Everson, Pennsylvania facility. The pet food is being voluntarily recalled because of potential contamination with Salmonella serotype Schwarzengrund. This voluntary recall only affects the United States.

Salmonella can cause serious infections in dogs and cats, and, if there is cross contamination caused by handling of the pet food, in people as well, especially children, the aged, and people with compromised immune systems.

We have posted the press release including a link to the manufacturer's website and the Food and Drug Administration's with Pet Food handling tips.

If you feed your dog, Pedigree or another Mars PetCare US foods go to: petplace.com/marsrecall to see a detailed list of the affected products.

If you feed any of the listed brands please take action today!



Brags and **Bit**ches



HUMOR

Genuine misprints taken from real publications

- **FREE PUPPIES: part German Shepherd - part dog**

- **FREE PUPPIES: ½ Cocker Spaniel - ½ sneaky dog.**
- **FREE YORKSHIRE TERRIER, 8 years old. Unpleasant little dog.**
- **GERMAN SHEPHERD, 85 lb., neutered, speaks German, free.**
- **FOUND: dirty white dog, looks like a rat, been out awhile, better be a reward.**
- **CUTE KITTEN FOR SALE, 2 Cents or best offer**
- **FREE Farm kittens, ready to eat.**
- **KITTENS 8 WEEKS OLD - seeking good Christian home.**