



The Grayline

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Save these Dates

Dock Dogs at the Ostrich Festival, Chandler, March 12-14, 2010

RSVC Hunt Test, Dugas Rd East, March 20-21, 2010

Liver Life Walk, Steele Indian School Park, March 20, 2010 (dog friendly 5K/1K)

Saguaro Scramblers AKC Agility Trial, Tucson, March 20-21, 2010

Canada Del Oro Dog Shows, Tucson, AZ, March 27-28, 2010

Contact Zonies DOCNA Agility Trial, PV Park, Phoenix, April 3-4, 2010

Kachina/Arrowhead Kennel Club Dog Shows, University of Phoenix Stadium, Glendale, AZ, April 9-12, 2010

Kachina Kennel Club AKC Agility Trial, University of Phoenix Stadium, Glendale, AZ, April 9-12, 2010

American Whippet (all breed) AKC Agility Trial, Tucson, AZ, April 17-18, 2010

Jumping Chollas NADAC Agility Trial, Prescott Valley, AZ, April 17-18, 2010

Jumping Chollas NADAC Agility Trial, Prescott Valley, AZ, May 22-23, 2010

AZ White Mtn Kennel Club AKC Agility Trial, Lakeside, AZ, June 4-6, 2010

Flagstaff Dog Shows, Flagstaff, AZ, June 12-13, 2010 *tentative*

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Meeting minutes February 11, 2010

8:20 p.m. Meeting called to order

Attendees: Rick and Debbie Maher, Tim Kulish, Mike and Virginia Dhondt, and Mary Carson.

Last month's minutes accepted and approved.

President's Report: Still receiving renewals.

VP's Report: None.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$3,241.39 balance.

Secretary's Report: None.

Fun Day Report: Went to Wegman exhibit. The Lisa Sette gallery exhibit has been better than this "Unexpected Wegman" exhibit at SMOCA.

Tracking is tentatively scheduled for March. (Due to weather, this will have to be revisited right before the event.) We are planning a Dog Park day potentially in April or May, then Dog Wash in June or July.

Show Report: Will be at Westworld in Scottsdale.

Field Report: None.

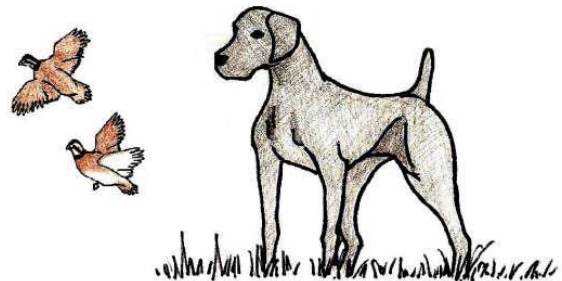
Old Business: About 10 calendars are left. The tax reporting needs to be done. (What is the deadline?)

Brags and Cries: Chase (Maher) got a Championship point at the Sporting Dog inaugural Show and was 3rd in group sweepstakes out of about 20.

Misty (Carson's Vizsla) got 2 passes in Obedience, including a 3rd place at 182.

Cassi (Dhondt) got 2 USDAA Agility qualifying scores; Teka (Vizsla) also got 2 Qs.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 p.m.



Heard Online

PETA: According to several online sources, PETA may now be classified by the government as a terrorist organization. "The USDA created a new "APHIS Facility Security Profile" form to send to animal experimentation facilities. In one section of the form...PETA is listed as a "domestic special interest terrorist." There are also some sources that disagree....

HSUS/HSI: PRNewswire-USNewswire -- Seventy-one percent of Americans questioned in a new opinion poll wrongly believe the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) is an "umbrella group" for America's local humane societies. Sixty-three percent incorrectly think their local "humane society" is affiliated with HSUS. And fifty-nine percent falsely believe HSUS "contributes most of its money" to local organizations that care for cats and dogs.

According to the federal income tax return filed by HSUS for the tax year 2008, less than one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the organization's budget consisted of grants to hands-on pet shelters. HSUS does not run a single shelter for dogs or cats anywhere, and it is not affiliated with any local "humane society" organizations. (About \$450,000 was used for hands-on shelters; \$2.5 million was used for pensions. \$2.25 million went to Californians for Humane Farms. Americans donate around \$100 million annually.)

In a related item, thousands of Americans have requested an IRS audit of HSUS due to their lobbying activities, which are supposed to be limited as a non-profit organization rather than a Political Action Committee.

US Military: NY Times – The US Department of Defense spent \$300 million (2004-2008) to protect endangered species; this is more than was spent during the previous ten years. The military plans to broaden efforts to restore ecosystems. Suburban sprawl has encroached on military spaces that once located in rural areas; this development has turned military land into havens for threatened animals and plants.

Encouraging Your Dog to Drink: Proper hydration is crucial in the healing process; however, the ill or painful dog may not be interested in drinking. It is important NOT to force water into your dog, as it could lead to aspiration pneumonia if your dog is not swallowing appropriately.

- Give your dog an ice cube to lick.
- Allow your dog to lick water from your hand or your finger.
- Feed canned dog food, as it has a higher water content.
- Add warm water or low-sodium broth to your dog's food.
- With your veterinarian's permission, offer small amounts of Pedialyte.
- Adding an ice cube to the water bowl can encourage some dogs to drink.

If your dog is weak and not interested in food or water, see your veterinarian.



The *Grayline* is a monthly newsletter of the Valley of the Sun Weimaraner Club. If you would like to submit items for the *Grayline*, email birddogs@gmail.com

Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month. Board Meetings start at 7:30pm. All members are welcome to attend. The General Meeting/Program begins promptly at 8:00pm. Come early if you would like to eat dinner. Join us at JB's at 1818 W Montebello Avenue, just south of Bethany Home Rd.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

vswc.weimaraner.com

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STEPS TO PERFORM THE HEIMLICH MANEUVER FOR DOGS

excerpted from Petplace.com

When a dog is choking, you can do a modification of the Heimlich maneuver.

1. *After determining that your dog is choking, remove any item that may be constricting the neck. Examine inside the mouth and remove any foreign object you see. Do not blindly place your hand down your pet's throat and pull any object you feel. Dogs have small bones that support the base of their tongues. Owners probing the throat for a foreign object have mistaken these for chicken bones. Do not attempt to remove an object unless you can see and identify it. If your pet is small and you cannot easily remove the object, lift and suspend him with the head pointed down. For larger animals, lift the rear legs so the head is tilted down. This can help dislodge an item stuck in the throat. Another method is to administer a sharp blow between the shoulder blades using the palm of your hand. This can sometimes dislodge an object. If this does not work, a modified Heimlich maneuver can be attempted.*
2. *Grasp the animal around the waist so that the rear is nearest to you, similar to a bear hug.*
3. *Place a fist just behind the ribs.*
4. *Compress the abdomen several times (usually 3-5 times) with quick pushes.*
5. *Check the mouth to see if the foreign object has been removed.*

This maneuver can be repeated one to two times, but if it is not successful on the first attempt, make arrangements to immediately take your pet to the nearest veterinary hospital. Even if you are successful in removing a foreign object, veterinary examination is recommended. Internal injury could have occurred that may not be apparent.

AKC is soliciting input for the Rally Advisory Committee. The information received during this solicitation will be combined with other ideas and suggestions received over time for improvements to the sport and its regulations and presented to the Rally Advisory Committee. The committee will review the information and format the collected data into recommendations to promote and help improve the sport. You can send your comments by going to <http://www.tfaforms.com/134727>. Recommendations will be accepted through April 20, 2010.