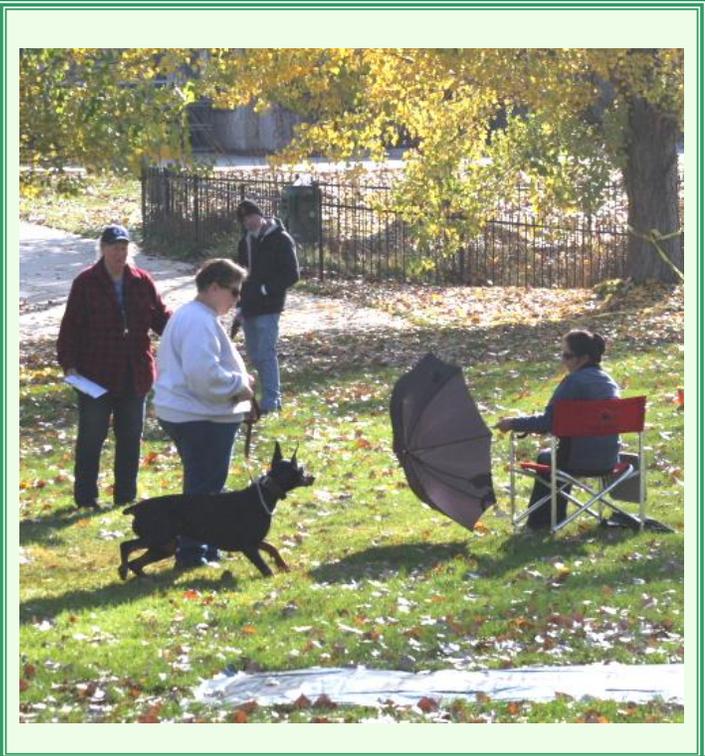


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Nancy Christensen and Dora going through the WAE at our Specialty Show

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MEETING NOTICE

The next regular meeting
will be held on

Saturday, January 6th
at 3:00 p.m.
9403 West Ontario Drive
Littleton, CO

Upcoming Events

Next Meeting – Our next regular meeting will be held on Saturday, January 6th at 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be hosted by Bonnie Guzman at her daughter's home at 9403 West Ontario Drive in Littleton, CO. Bonnie will be serving homemade meatball sub sandwiches and salad. (Yum!) Bonnie may be contacted at 303-733-4220 or bonfinder51@gmail.com.

Also see the Planning Calendar on the last page of this newsletter for events of the entire year.

President's Message

A huge thank you to everyone for a great year for the club. We had wonderful events and good times. Let's make 2018 even better. If you have suggestions for events or things we can do as a club, let us know.

Thank you to everyone that helped and participated in our specialty shows. Yet another year of fantastic shows with many compliments from our visitors.

We managed to hold dog majors for all 6 of the shows and four of them crossed over. I believe there are 4 new AKC champions. The WAE was a great success with 13 entries and delicious chili. Over 20 of us had a great night out at the Cactus Flower Mexican restaurant. Other highlights included the teamwork and camaraderie that made it so much fun for everyone. I really liked the prizes this year with key racks, leash holders, raised dog feeder, picture frames, and cutting boards. Once again Connie and Tim Sloan did an incredible job with the gorgeous key racks, leash holders and beautiful raised dog feeder. The gift bags were loved by all – thanks to everyone that contributed.

Once again a big thank you to everyone for making it a wonderful event.

Below are some of the comments we received on the specialty and our events this year.

Doug— Your Club should be very proud of all the work completed this year! The events in Greeley with the Clinic's and the Shows in Pueblo are only examples- thanks for all you do for the Breed- Doug and Cheryl- Cedar Knoll

Annie—Thank you everyone for the amazing specialties this past long weekend! What a blast and what a great group of people! Also, those sugar cookies... best I've ever had!

Blake—We had a great time at the shows this weekend. Thanks for the hospitality! You guys know how to do things right!

Clare—I would like to thank the DPCRMA for putting on two wonderful specialties.

Elizabeth—Oh goodness, that's a tough one since you guys topped any specialty I've been in. The hospitality (breakfast pastries, lunch) was spot on. Great idea to have the get-together dinner. Trophies first day were useful and unique. Welcome bags were an unexpected and delightful surprise- a little like opening your stocking at Christmas!

Karen—What a great weekend! Met some wonderful new friends! Got some AMAZING trophies! The specialties were spectacular thanks to all of the hard work! The WAE was an amazing new experience with great chili and we passed with flying colors!

Nancy-- It was, again, a great Specialty and weekend (week). I'm so proud of this club and so happy to be part of it. What a wonderful bunch of people. Congratulations to all who won and gained titles! At any rate, people were very pleased with our shows, and we had FUN! Thank you to all who worked and helped to make it a success.

Thank you to Bonnie for arraigning a wonderful Christmas Party at Racines Restaurant. Delicious food, lots of fun and great to see everyone.

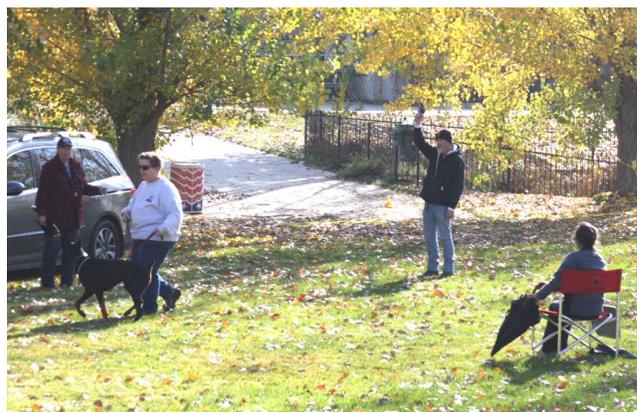
Have a fantastic Christmas and Happy New Year.

Erica



Specialty Show Pics





Spotlight on Pancreatitis:

The Overlooked & Sometimes Fatal Disease Brought on by Overindulgence

By Dr. Laci Schaible

Just because we can binge during holiday meals does not mean it is safe for our pets. Set aside weight issues, bones that can become dislodged or puncture part of the gastrointestinal tract, and even deadly foods such as macadamia nuts, baking chocolate, and xylitol. Even if you take care to avoid all these dangerous situations, sharing holiday treats with your pet could prove to be the most costly meal he or she ever gets. Pancreatitis, the deadly disease that can result from your pet indulging in a fatty meal, is rarely mentioned until it may be too late.



Background info

The pancreas is a flat, thin organ located in the front of the abdomen near the stomach. Part of the pancreas produces hormones such as insulin that regulate blood sugar and the other part of the pancreas produces digestive enzymes that are released into the intestines to break down food.

Pancreatitis is simply inflammation of the pancreas. When the pancreas becomes inflamed, it becomes painful, swollen and may affect the stomach, releasing enzymes into the surrounding area of the abdomen, thereby irritating and inflaming nearby abdominal organs. This can cause life-threatening complications.

Dogs vs. Cats

Dogs most commonly develop acute pancreatitis, but chronic pancreatitis can occur, and is more common, in some breeds than in others (German Shepherds certainly are one of those breeds). In many cases, the cause of pancreatitis is unknown, but eating foods that are high in fat is known to increase the risk for acute pancreatitis. Other risk factors include obesity and the presence of diseases of the liver, small intestine, or endocrine diseases such as diabetes mellitus or Cushing's disease.

Dogs usually present with vomiting, dehydration, painful abdomen, lethargy, and poor appetite. Pancreatitis can be mild or it can be severe.

Compared with dogs, cats are more likely to have the chronic form of the disease. Abdominal trauma and IBD have been associated with pancreatitis in cats; we are still learning a lot about pancreatitis in cats as it occurs less frequently.

Unlike dogs, most cats with pancreatitis don't present with obvious abdominal signs; they usually show no vomiting or even abdominal discomfort. Cats with pancreatitis usually develop mild symptoms gradually, which contributes to the chronic nature of the disease in cats. The more common signs in cats are the typical vague ill-kitty symptoms: decreased energy, perhaps a decreased appetite, and a general "ain't doing right," known as A.D.R. in the veterinary community (you will impress your vet if your pet is a just a little off and you describe their symptoms as A.D.R. in the exam room).

Diagnosing This Vague Disease

Reaching a diagnosis of pancreatitis can be quite complicated as the clinical signs are so vague. Your veterinarian may recommend several types of blood tests and x-rays:

- Routine blood tests are used to look for other diseases with similar signs.
- There are also specialized blood test that look for an enzyme in the bloodstream that is increased with pancreatitis.

An abdominal ultrasound is commonly used to look for an enlarged, swollen pancreas. The pancreas can be difficult to see on ultrasound, so your veterinarian may refer your dog to a veterinary specialist for this examination.

Treatment

Dogs with acute pancreatitis usually require hospitalization for fluid therapy, medications for pain and vomiting, and other supportive care. Food and water are initially withheld to allow the pancreas to heal but a feeding tube may be recommended in some dogs — it is decided on a case by case basis. Severe acute pancreatitis can be life threatening and the pet can rapidly deteriorate if not treated promptly.

If your vet suspects pancreatitis, the diet is changed to one with a lower fat content to help prevent recurrent bouts or flare-ups. If your pet does not respond to the new diet within 2-3 weeks, anti-inflammatory medications may be tried. These drugs must be used with care because they can have significant side effects.

Outcome

Prognosis for pets with severe, acute pancreatitis requiring hospitalization and fluid therapy is often difficult to predict. Some dogs die of this disease, even with the best possible care, but these dogs usually present horribly ill. Prognosis for dogs and cats with milder acute or chronic pancreatitis is generally better, particularly if a change to a lower-fat diet is all that is necessary to control the inflammation and the clinical signs.



Chapter Club Basket

National Health & Rescue Fundraiser – Chapter Club Basket

The basket the club did for the National Health & Rescue Fundraiser went great. As we brought the dog bed into the room, Steve Shore (the MC) stopped us and asked what it was. We had it well wrapped to make sure it didn't get scratched up on the way. When we said it was dog bed handmade by one of our members and that it was going to be our basket, he said, "No, it is going on the live auction, and the items that would have been in it will be on the silent auction table." The basket contents did great and went for almost \$300. Connie & Tim's beautiful dog bed caused a bidding war and was eventually sold to Nancy Troyer for the fantastic price of \$900!



Dog Flu: What Every Owner Needs to Know

By Dr. Jacqueline Brister

Dog flu, or canine influenza virus, is a highly contagious virus that infects the majority of exposed dogs. The most common strains in the United States are the H3N8 and H3N2 subtypes of the canine influenza A virus. Canine influenza virus can be spread from infectious respiratory fluids of dogs. It is most commonly spread by coughing or sneezing. If you have been around an infected dog, you can carry the virus to your own dogs, because the virus can live for up to 48 hours in the environment.

How Does Influenza Affect Dogs?

When a dog comes into contact with the infectious flu particles, the virus travels to the respiratory tract and begins replicating within the cells lining the airway. The body responds by sending white blood cells to fight the virus. Sometimes these cells, in combination with the virus, can cause inflammation and fluid accumulation in the surrounding tissues. This may lead to airway damage, resulting in rhinitis, bronchitis, or pneumonia. This airway damage may cause dogs to be more susceptible to bacterial infections in the airway, causing further trauma to the respiratory tract.

What Are the Symptoms of Dog Flu?

The symptoms of canine influenza virus vary. Many dogs are able to fight off the infection without showing any major signs of illness. Mild symptoms include cough, runny nose, and a poor appetite. Some dogs will be affected more severely than others. Severely affected dogs may develop life-threatening pneumonia. Symptoms of this include trouble breathing, fever, or being unable to get up and move around. Vomiting and diarrhea are also common symptoms. It is important to note that even if dogs are not showing symptoms, they can still be contagious to others.

Will My Dog Need Treatment?

For pets with only mild symptoms, it is often best to let the virus run its course. Make sure to keep your dog well hydrated by offering plenty of water or adding canned food to his or her meals. Adding additional canned food may also entice your dog to eat since a poor appetite is a common symptom. It is important to keep your pet away from other animals or pets within the household and to wash your hands frequently to prevent the infection from spreading.

For severely-affected dogs, hospitalization with IV fluids, medications to help them breathe, and oxygen supplementation may be necessary. If your veterinarian suspects that a bacterial infection has also occurred, your dog may be prescribed antibiotics as well.

Even after a dog has cleared or fought off the infection, some of his or her symptoms, such as coughing, may continue for several weeks. This is because of the inflammation that developed during the infection. The damage to the airways does not always heal immediately, even after the infection is gone.

How Is Canine Influenza Diagnosed?

Diagnosing canine influenza can be difficult because several tests are needed and the timing will vary between tests. Some tests require blood or saliva and mucus samples at the beginning of the infection, while other tests need to be run later in the course of the disease. The tests may not always be accurate depending on how many viral particles can be found in the blood stream or samples.

If your pet is showing severe symptoms, your veterinarian may also want to check routine blood tests such as a serum chemistry and a complete blood count to determine how your pet's body is handling the infection. X-rays are commonly performed to determine if pneumonia is present and how severely your pet's lungs are affected.



Should I Vaccinate My Dog for Canine Influenza?

There are approved vaccines available for dogs against canine influenza. Unfortunately, the vaccines do not prevent your dog from developing infection if he or she is exposed. They will, however, decrease the severity of the infection and symptoms. The vaccines will also decrease the amount of virus he or she can spread to others.

Currently, the vaccines are only recommended for high-risk areas. Canine influenza is most commonly found in the New England states such as New York and New Jersey, as well as areas in the Midwest such as Colorado and Wyoming. Florida may also be considered a state common for the influenza virus to circulate.

Dogs in heavily populated environments within states that commonly experience virus outbreaks may benefit from vaccination. The vaccines require an initial dose followed by a booster 2-4 weeks later and then again once every year. One dose of vaccine alone will not be effective because it takes up to a week after the booster to create adequate protection.

How Else Can I Prevent the Infection?

If there is an outbreak in your area, avoid places that may experience a high population of dogs. Examples of high-population environments include kennels, dog parks, grooming facilities, and pet stores. If you have been around dogs that have been sneezing or coughing, wash your hands and change your clothes before petting and hugging your own pets.

If one of your own dogs is sick, keep him or her isolated from your other pets, including using separate food and water bowls. Wash your hands and change your clothes as needed. Clean any areas the sick dog has been with dilute bleach.

Many dogs remain contagious even after the symptoms have improved, so be sure to isolate your pet for at least 3 weeks after the symptoms started.

Can I or My Other Animals Catch Dog Flu?

So far, no humans have contracted canine influenza. Experts report that the chance of this occurring is highly unlikely. Some cats, however, have become infected with the H3N2 strain of canine influenza but very few developed any signs of illness. Mild cough and runny nose were the most common symptoms seen. While there is no vaccine available for cats, following the same protective and preventive measures as you would for your dogs should help keep your cats safe from any rare chance of infection.



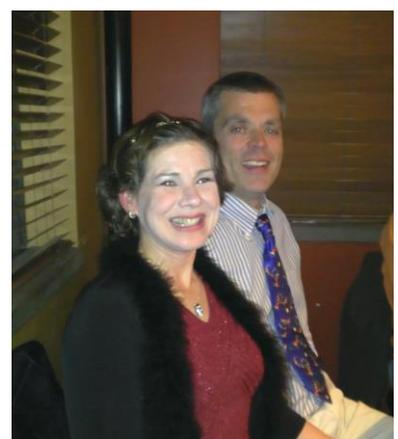
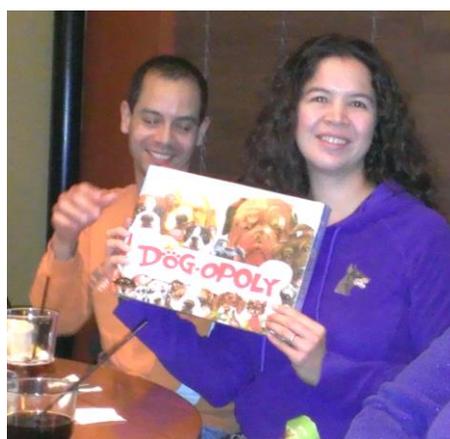
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Christmas Party Pics



Braggs

Owner	Dog	Congratulations
Karen Miller	"Maverick"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mav passed the WAE and got his BH
Bonnie Guzman	Swift Run's Warrior "Porter"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Porter re-certified in human remains detection, through NAPWDA (North American Police Working Dog Association) for the 7th year in a row.
Elizabeth Kamau & Nancy Christensen	AKC/UKC CH Von Luka the Doppler Effect WAC "Dora"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pueblo, Colorado 11/9/17 DPCRMA/DPCA Working Aptitude Evaluation Pass - earned WAC ▪ Happy second BIRTHDAY to Dora on 12/26
Elizabeth Kamau & Nancy Christensen	UKC CH Dina de Akido San "Dina"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Greeley, Colorado 8/20 - WB/BOS 1 point ▪ Cheyenne, Wyoming 9/2 - Best Puppy and Puppy Group 1 ▪ Cheyenne, Wyoming 9/3 - WB/BOW/BOB 3 point major ▪ Arapahoe/Aurora, Colorado 9/23 - WB/BOW 1 point - BEST IN SHOW PUPPY ▪ Arapahoe/Aurora, Colorado 9/24 - WB/BOW 1 point ▪ Pueblo, Colorado 11/11 - WB/BOW 4 point major ▪ Castle Rock, Colorado 9/17 - BOB and Group 2 - To finish UKC Championship ▪ Happy first BIRTHDAY to Dina on 12/7
Carol Restad, Jon Sanders & Mary Ann Hollis	CH Imperia's Miles Around v Wyndem, CGC "Benny"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4 Point Major Win - Cheyenne KC - 09/02/2017 ▪ *** NEW CHAMPION *** - Evergreen Colorado KC - 09/10/2017 ▪ 2nd Place - DPCA National Specialty - Futurity 15 mth & Older Black Dog - 10/05/2017
Jon Sanders, Mary Ann Hollis & Mary Leahy	Imperia's Miles Ahead v Wyndem, CGC "Riley"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3 Point Major Win - Colorado Springs KC - 11/12/2017 ▪ *** BEST IN SHOW - BRED BY EXHIBITOR *** - Colorado Springs KC - 11/12/2017 ▪ 3 Point Major Win - Colorado Springs KC - 11/13/2017
Sandy Spomer	Gallants Checkmate v Ciden "Chess"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chess earned his UKC Advanced Nosework title in October at a trial in Sheridan, WY
Joannah Davis	"Gyci"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ September 10, 2017 she received her Rally Novice title. ▪ September 16, 2017 she passed the ATTS certification. ▪ November 12, 2017 she earned her Rally Advanced title.
Erica Tate & Nick Tate	GCH CH Paradigms Pistol Packin Mama "Kimber"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Best of Opposite Sept 23th Arapahoe KC ▪ Best of Breed Sept 24th Arapahoe KC ▪ Select Bitch Nov 11 Southern Colorado KC
Marcia Edginton, Erica Tate & Nick Tate	CH Wirri Wirri Thunderstruck "Titus"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Winners Dog Sept 23rd Arapahoe KC ▪ Winners Dog and Best of Opposite Sept 24th Arapahoe KC ▪ Winners Dog to finish with 3 majors on Friday Nov 10th DPCRMA Specialty
Erica Tate & Nick Tate	GCHB CH Paradigm's Presumed Innocent "Magnum"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1st in 9-11 years old Veterans Sweeps DPCA Regional Sept 30th

Congratulations!

Candid Pics



Karen Miller & Mav dressed up for Halloween



Jennifer Zieg's Enzo makes a dashing Batman



Beth Kamau & Nancy Christensen's Dina



Joannah Davis' Gyci showing off her new ribbon

Marvelous Mutt Meatballs

This recipe is from veterinarian-approved *Real Food For Dogs* book. The best part is that this recipe is for people, too, making it a time- and money-saver.

Recipe: Marvelous Mutt Meatballs

Ingredients:

- 1 pound of lean ground beef or sirloin
- 2/3 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 1 large carrot, finely chopped
- 3/4 cup bread crumbs
- 1 egg, whisked
- 6 tablespoons tomato paste (low-sodium)

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Combine all the ingredients in a medium-sized bowl.
3. Scoop out by the spoonful, and roll into mini-sized meatballs.
4. Place the meatballs on a cookie sheet with non-fat cooking spray.
5. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes.
6. Cool before serving, and store the extra in a container with a lid in the refrigerator.



January – December 2018

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(nominations for officers & board)
(Picnic-TBD)

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(Periodic Report SOS docs)

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(Annual Meeting-election of officers & board)

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DPCA Nationals

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(Fun Match-TBD)

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DPCRMA Specialty Show

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(Bark in the Park-TBD)

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(Christmas Party-TBD)

