April 2014

The Heart of America Boxer Club Newsletter
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Newsletter for the Heart of America Boxer Club

The next HOABC club meeting – April 19, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. Location Latta Real Estate Services office 954 NW South Outer Rd, Blue Springs, MO 64015. Pizza will be ordered – feel free to bring the beverages of your choice!

So…you say you DON’T have a spiffy Heart of America Boxer Polo shirt?? You don’t want to be the Odd Man (or woman) out at our next function!??!! Well.. Get with Mark Ewing!

2013-2014 Club Members and their New Title Holders

GCH Emerson Breho Soul Patrol of Windwood BN and CD “Reuben” (CD) October -13 Jim and Karen Emerson

Remember- April 1 is the cut off for plaques – be sure to get information to Amber Gates farmoreboxers@yahoo.com if your dog is missing or information is inaccurate.

February/March Member Brags

• Encore’s FarMore Untouchable “Dega” 4pt Major from the BBE class in Fort Worth, TX March 23, 2014

If you would like to be included in the newsletter brags…please send them to farmoreboxers@yahoo.com by the 20th of each month!
# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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## ABC is fast approaching!!!

**Event Dates:** Saturday, May 3, 2014 - Friday, May 9, 2014  
**Closing Dates:** Wednesday, April 16, 2014  

**Event Location:** Wyndham West  
2544 Executive Drive  
Indianapolis, IN 46241-5013  
**Website:** [http://www.wyndham.com](http://www.wyndham.com)  
**Toll Free:** 877-361-4511  
In Indianapolis: 317-248-2481  

**Judges:**  
Futurity Judge - Tami Mishler  
Specialty Judges - Butch Engel & Pat Mullen
Helpful Links

Kansas all breed clubs
http://sunflowerkc.wordpress.com/
http://www.heartofamericakc.org/
www.wichitakennelclub.com
www.gardencityKSKennelclub.com
www.hutchinsonkennelclub.org/
www.lijkc.com/
www.salinaKennelclub.org/
www.TopekaKC.org

Missouri all breed clubs
www.JCKC.org
http://www.stjosephkennelclub.com/
www.missourirhinelandkc.com
www.heartlandkc.org
joplindogs.com

Kansas Obedience Clubs
www.wichitadogtrainingclub.com

Missouri Obedience Clubs
kansascitydogtraining.com/
www.gsltc.org
www.mcotc.org
www.showmek9.com

Important Links - health/clinics
BLUE PEARL
http://kansas.bluepearlvet.com/
www.offa.org
http://www.merckmanuals.com/vet/index.html
http://www.cavalierhealth.org/Cardiologists.htm

NORMA SMITH HANDLING SEMINARS
Now is the Time to Learn to Show Your Dog Like a Professional

2014 SEMINAR SCHEDULE
Fox River Valley Kennel Club
Happy Tails Ranch: Island Lake, Illinois
January 11-12, 2014
Contact: Norma Smith
Email: norma@normasmithhandlingseminars.com

Northstar Working Group Association, Minnesota
Tails Up Dog Training
May 3-4, 2014
Contact: Diane Levin Email: SerendipityDanes@aol.com

http://www.normasmithhandlingseminars.com/

CLUB HOLTER

The club has an analog Holter that is available for use by club members.

1. No rental fee
2. Member needs to purchase the number of tape kits needed
3. Rental time is 10 days - adequate to test 5 dogs
4. Shipping to and from the member is the members’ responsibilities.
5. Member is responsible for the condition of the Holter and accompanying vest.
6. Members must sign the usage agreement prior to use.
7. Contact Sabrina @ sabrina@lattahomes.com for availability
Officers & Directors 2013-2014
President: Janet Ewing (2014)
Vice President: Thomas Latta (2015)
Secretary: Amber Gates
Treasurer: Sabrina Jay (2014)
Board Member: Karen Emerson (2015)
Board Member: Mark Ewing (2015)
Board Member: Joyce Peckham (2014)
Board Member: Jeanine Millard (2015)

Committee Assignments for 2013-2014
Show Chairperson: Peyton Richardson
Hospitality: Amber Gates, Daniel Gates, Nicki McFarland and Scott Reiser
Fundraising: Jeannine Millard, Carol Latta and Hailey Feldkamp
Advertising/HOABC ads: Amber Gates
Nominating: Jeannine Millard
Historians: Karen Emerson and Peyton Richardson
Breeder Referral: Carol Latta
2014/15 Zone B Director: Karen Emerson
Photographer: Jeannine Millard
Trophies: Karen Emerson and Mark Ewing
Topeka Show Site/Judges Liaison: Tom Latta
Public Education/Programs: Karen Emerson and Jim Emerson
Cards & Flowers: Sabrina Jay
Website/FB: Thomas Latta
Boxer Rescue: Elizabeth Phillips
Newsletter: Amber Gates and Tom Dobbs
Legislation: Joyce Peckham

Rescue Corner

WE NEED HELP!

URGENT need for foster homes!!!
Please! Help get the word out! MO/KAN Boxer rescue is in need of qualified Foster homes.

Some BASIC requirements to be considered for a Foster Home.....
• Fencing is not required but is preferred; not having a fence will limit placement options.
• All other pets in the home must be UTD on shots and on HW prevention year-round.
• Contact Elizabeth or Joyce for more information at mokanboxerrescue@earthlink.net

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Discospondylitis

What is discospondylitis?
Discospondylitis is infection of the intervertebral disc space. It can occur as a result of spread of infection from elsewhere in the body (i.e. urinary tract, blood stream, prostate) or from local infection only in the disc space. It is most commonly caused by a bacterial infection, however fungal discospondylitis can occur. It occurs most frequently in young to middle aged male large-breed dogs such as the German Shepherd and Rottweiler. Dogs who are not neutered and develop infection of the prostate are predisposed to discospondylitis. Discospondylitis also occurs more commonly in animals who are immune-suppressed.

What are the clinical signs of discospondylitis?
The most common clinical signs are back or neck pain, reluctance to walk, and decreased appetite. Some dogs may cry out when getting up or down or be reluctant to run or jump. The location of the pain depends on the location of the infection. Discospondylitis occurs most commonly in the lower back but can occur anywhere along the spine and often occurs in multiple locations. If the infection is severe or goes for a long time without treatment, the bone can become very weak and prone to fracture. In some cases, the infection can also spread to affect the spinal cord. If fracture or spinal cord infection occurs, animals can become paralyzed.

How is discospondylitis diagnosed?
Spinal radiographs often show evidence of infection at the disc space, but MRI and/or CT scan is preferred to better visualize the bone and spinal cord and is often necessary in early cases of discospondylitis where x-rays don’t show dramatic change. In cases where it is safe, a needle can be driven into the intervertebral disc space to try to aspirate and culture the infectious organism. Because the urine and blood may also harbor infection in some dogs with discospondylitis, they are also cultured.
How is discospondylitis treated?
The appropriate antibiotic or antifungal treatment is employed based on the type of infectious organism grown via intervertebral disc, urine, or blood culture. In many cases, the infectious organism is not identified and treatment with an antibiotic that kills the most common type of bacteria (Staphylococcus) is initiated. Treatment for discospondylitis continues for a minimum of 4-6 months, with recheck neurologic exams and radiographs at regular intervals. When an animal has been pain-free and the radiographs show complete resolution of the infection, treatment can be discontinued.

What is the prognosis with discospondylitis?
With early and appropriate treatment, prognosis is good for dogs with bacterial discospondylitis. Fungal discospondylitis carries a much poorer prognosis. Recurrence of infection months to years after treatment can occur in some dogs.

Information retrieved from http://www.veterinarysurgicalcenters.com/discospondylitis.html

This is a pic of my co-owned bred by- Encore’s FarMore Under the Gun “Putu” He was diagnosed mid January with Discospondylitis of the T11-12
Helpful Hints

3 Tips for Handling Pulling Toward Another Dog

(Wednesday, March 05, 2014)

AKC Community Canine is the new advanced level of the AKC’s Canine Good Citizen program. Dogs who pass the AKC Community Canine test can earn the “CGCA” title.

When it came time to develop the CGCA test, we wanted a test that was empirically validated. We conducted observations of 100 dogs (and their owners) in community settings. We took data and had inter-observer reliability observations.

We found out that one of the most common problems was that dogs pull or lunge on the leash to go to other dogs.

Here are 3 Tips for Handling Pulling Toward Another Dog:

1. **Teach alternative behaviors to pulling and lunging (DRI).**

   If your dog is pulling to go and see other dogs when out walking, teach the dog some basic obedience skills including sit and heel on leash. (However, the dog does not have to be in a competition heel position; the idea is he will walk close to you when given the cue, “Heel.”) DRI, differential reinforcement of incompatible behaviors, means reinforcing a behavior that is incompatible with the one you are trying to eliminate.

2. **Implement Systematic Desensitization Procedure.**

   Systematic desensitization involves using a hierarchy from the least to the most problematic situation. For pulling on a leash, you could start with your dog 50-ft. away from another dog at the park. If the dog can do that without pulling, move to 20-ft., then 10-ft. and so on.

   Details on how to do this are in CITIZEN CANINE, the official book of the Canine Good Citizen program. Go [here](http://www.akc.org/dogowner/training/akc_community_canine/links.cfm) to order.

3. **Only move toward the other dog when your dog is behaving.**

   This is a different technique than systematic desensitization. If your dog pulls toward the other dog, turn around and go in the opposite direction, away from the other dog. When your dog is calm, turn and approach the other dog again. You may have to do this several times.

For more information on AKC Community Canine, go to: [http://www.akc.org/dogowner/training/akc_community_canine/links.cfm](http://www.akc.org/dogowner/training/akc_community_canine/links.cfm)
Kendall…sleeping… and dreaming of more “distressing” of wood options she may have! 😊

Bristol- -checking out her new roommate- a turtle (one eye and 3 good working legs)

Rev and Delilah (in the coat) .. “what…we weren’t planning anything…”
In Memory

CH Keepsake's JeSaJay Nite Journey “Gabee”

Owned and Loved by Jeff and Sabrina Jay