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DECEMBER/JANUARY CLUB EVENTS

Tuesday, December 18,
Tuesday, January 15, 6:30 pm
Tuesday, January 15, 7:30 pm

Annual Holiday Party
Board Meeting
Regular Meeting

John Gerber's House
Comfort Suites
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November Meeting Wrap-up: Dr. Deb Smart- Centre Animal Hospital

Dr. Smart provided an update and resources on two current event topics – Lyme Disease and Pet Nutrition. Members are encouraged to access The Veterinary Partner website (<http://www.veterinarypartner.com/>) to find client education fact sheets on Lyme disease, Pet nutrition, and home made diets. Dr. Smart also referred individuals to <http://www.centreatanimalhospital.com/> for more information. Dr. Smart also provided an update on a proposed emergency veterinary clinic opening in the Centre County region. This would provide service and care after-hours. More information will be shared as this idea evolves.

December Holiday Party: The Nita Nee Kennel Club is holding its annual Holiday party on Tuesday, December 18th, starting at 6:30 pm. John Gerber has kindly offered his home and grilling expertise for the party. The Club will be providing the main course: pork ribs and chicken. We're trying to persuade Steve to bring some of his award-winning chili, and attendees are asked to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. And, feel free to bring your favorite beverage. Per tradition, we'll have our gift exchange. If you'd like to participate, please bring a wrapped dog-related item (value \$8 to \$10).

John's address: John Gerber; 1350 Greenwood Circle; State College PA 16801

We have an extension on the original deadline, but Please RSVP to John by Saturday, December 15th if you will be able to attend (call 814-867-4696 or email him at john@gerberfineart.com)--and, please let him know what you'll be bringing.

We look forward to seeing all of you there!

Other Events: There will be a Carol Brown handling seminar at the Catoctin Kennel Club in Maryland February 16th and 17th – more information is available at www.catoctinkennelclub.org

Send all brags or other information you would like published in the newsletter to Helen Smith, hfs1@psu.edu, or 814-238-0902, or 309 Ravendale Rd., Pennsylvania Furnace, PA 16865.

Member News: Sue Houser reports:

My Bernese Mountain Dog, Nick, and I have had a busy 2007 so far.

In AKC events he: finished his RAE (Rally Advanced Excellent) title in June at the MNDTC trial and his OJP (Open Jumpers Preferred) title in June at the NNKC trial

In APDT events he: finished his RL1 (Rally Level 1) title in January; his RL2 (Rally Level 2) title in October; and his RL1X (Rally Level 1 Championship) in November

In NADAC events he: finished his OAC (Open Standard) title in July; his WV-N (Novice Weavers) title in July, his TG-N (Novice Touch N Go) title in September; his NJC (Novice Jumpers) title in September; and his S-NCC (Superior Novice Chances) title in November.

And most IMPORTANTLY, Nick celebrated his 6th birthday on Nov. 22nd, Thanksgiving Day (the same day to which he was born 6 years ago), and I couldn't be more thankful to have him in my life.

Wow Sue, what a wonderful year you have had with Nick. Congratulations and good luck in 2008!!

Dogs and Holidays Here are some reminders from the AKC about keeping your dog safe and happy during these festive times.

- Stick as closely as possible to your normal routine. Try not to vary your dog's feeding, walking, and playtime schedule.
- Don't give your dog scraps from the picnic table or holiday buffet. Cookies and pies, macaroni salads and stuffing, potato chips and fancy hors d'oeuvres, are inappropriate foods for dogs and may make them sick.
- If you host a party, remember that some guests may be uncomfortable around dogs. Your dog may, in turn, be uncomfortable or frightened around a large group of unfamiliar people. You may want to confine him in a crate or a room that will not be used by guests. Otherwise, keep him by your side, or with another family member, to keep him from getting into trouble or underfoot.
- No matter how fun the party gets, never ever give your dog alcohol.
- Holly, mistletoe and poinsettia plants are poisonous to dogs. Make sure they are kept in places your dog cannot reach.
- Do not put lights on the lower branches of your tree. They may get very hot and burn your dog.
- Watch out for electrical cords. Pets often try to chew them and get badly shocked or electrocuted. Place them out of reach.
- Avoid glass ornaments, which break easily and may cut a dog's feet or mouth.
- Do not use edible ornaments, or cranberry or popcorn strings. Your dog may knock the tree over in an attempt to reach them.
- Keep other ornaments off the lower branches; if your dog chews or eats an ornament, he can be made sick by the materials or paint.
- Both live and artificial tree needles are sharp and indigestible. Keep your tree blocked off (with a playpen or other "fence") or in a room that is not accessible to your dog.
- Tinsel can be dangerous for dogs. It may obstruct circulation and, if swallowed, block the intestines.
- Keep burning candles on high tables or mantels, out of the way of your dog's wagging tail.
- Review canine holiday gifts for safety. Small plastic toys or bones may pose choking hazards.
- Your dog may want to investigate wrapped packages; keep them out of reach.

Hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season!

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