



Heart of Ohio Great Pyrenees Club

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SHORT AND SWEET!

As with all good things, at some point it must come to an end. Already we are seeing and feeling the imminent return of fall and realizing the end of yet another summer season. We have really been blessed with a phenomenal September and for those of us who attended the Campout/Meeting at the Wallace's, it was never more evident. A **BIG THANK YOU** to Pat & Greg for once again providing many of us with the opportunity to "get back to nature" for just a little while.

This edition of the Pyr Prose will be "short and sweet" as not much has been forwarded to me for distribution, but I hope you will still find it informative and entertaining.

Life with our pets all too often is also "short and sweet", as we will all experience, at some point, the heartbreak of the loss of a companion. There never seems to be "enough" time to spend with them and we grieve their absence when they leave us. Look for a very helpful article entitled "*The Experience of Pet Loss*" as the GPCA Health Committee's November topic.

Finally, as my time as interim editor of the Pyr Prose is winding down, (with only one edition left to publish), I would like to remind all members to forward pictures of time spent with their Pyrs for a fun collage to be included in the last edition for the year.

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GPCA HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT:

(Contributed by Karen Conley – Vice Chair)

All Breeders: Please complete and return the Reproduction survey that was sent as an attachment in July. The survey can provide valuable information with regard to the reproductive health of our dogs. The results will be shared with everyone after all data has been compiled. E-mail Karen at Andorre@mchsi.com if you need a survey.

Health Recognition Award applications have been down this year. With the substantial increase in CHIC numbers, we would hope owners would apply for this award. Your application must be received before 12/31/09 to receive your certificate & recognition in the Bulletin and on our website.

Longevity Program – A program that recognizes Great Pyrenees 10 years of age or older (revised and updated this year) needs your completed applications before 12/31/09 to be included in the Bulletin and on our website. Applications for either of these awards are available at our website: www.gpcahealth.org.

Health Surveys are still needed. Please help us attain this most important goal.

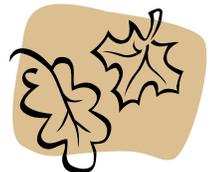
Hemangiosarcoma – This month's topic is the second highest occurrence of cancer in our breed, after osteosarcoma. Read about it and the results of the 2008 health surveys prepared by Catherine de la Cruz on our website listed above.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT EVENTS

HOGPC MEETING
OCTOBER 17TH

To be held at the home of Aaron and
Brenda Lynn

(See page (3) for all the de "tails"!)



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COME JOIN US FOR A "TAIL" GATE PARTY

HOGPC MEETING.....

Board Meeting at Noon
AT: THE LYNN'S HOUSE
2458 Shrine Rd
Springfield, OH



OCTOBER 17, 2009.....

Lunch & General Meeting @ 1:00
Bring your favorite tail-gate appetizer,
side dish or dessert to share! We will
provide sandwiches and beverages!

Directions to the Lynn's Home: 2458 Shrine Road, Springfield, OH

From the North & East: I-71 South to Columbus to I-70 West to Rt. 68 North (Exit 52B). Then take the US 40/Rt 4 South Exit ramp. At end of ramp, turn right at light onto Upper Valley Pike. At next light, turn left onto Shrine Road. Our house is about 3.2 miles on the right – Yellow Ranch with green shutters.

From the South & West: Take I-70 East to the Rt 4 Exit to Springfield/Enon(Exit 47). At the traffic light, turn left onto Upper Valley Pike. At the next light, turn left onto Shrine Road. Our house is about 3.2 miles on the right – Yellow Ranch with green shutters.

PLEASE RSVP TO: Aaron & Brenda at 937-964-3111 or aabranab@aol.com by OCT 15TH

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SUGAR-FREE GUM AND SNACKS CAN BE DEADLY FOR PETS- by Kirsten Taylor (Submitted by Brenda Lynn)

A common ingredient in sugarless gum and snacks can cause a canine catastrophe. The culprit is a sweetener called xylitol. While you may never have heard of it, there's a good chance you have it in your house. Xylitol is common in sugarless gum and in sugar-free snacks, reports the San Diego Union-Tribune.

Cases of xylitol poisoning in dogs have increased in recent years as the sweetener has been added to lots of new foods, Sharon Gwaltney-Brant, vice-president of the ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center, told Paw Nation. "There definitely has been an increase in the exposures of dogs to xylitol over the last several years, simply because there's more xylitol out there".

The chemical is completely safe for humans and most other animals, but in dogs, xylitol causes blood sugar levels to plummet. When blood sugar drops, Gwaltney-Brant says, "the brain isn't getting energy to do its job." After swallowing xylitol, dogs may vomit and become lethargic and disoriented. "If blood sugar drops low enough, they can have seizures." Without treatment, dogs can die. That's not all. Dogs that eat a lot of xylitol can also suffer from liver damage. Researchers aren't sure what causes the liver problems, but the results can be grave.

Just two sticks of sugarless gum can be fatal for a 20-pound dog, reports the San Diego Union-Tribune, and a single sugar-free pudding cup can spell trouble for a 90-Pound pooch. Some brands of gum or candy contain no xylitol, while others contain relatively large amounts. Even within a single brand, the level of xylitol can vary from flavor to flavor and batch to batch.

If you know or suspect your dog has gotten into foods that might contain xylitol, take him to the vet immediately.

BASKET DONATIONS NEEDED:

HOGPC has once again been invited to participate in a BASKET CONTEST to be used in a Silent Auction for the 2010 National Specialty to be held in Lancaster, PA. Michele Casler (e-mail address - meshel34200@yahoo.com) and Pat Wallace (mailtoald@aol.com) have volunteered to chair this event. ONLY this year Judging will be by an international panel. So, let's make our Ohio Entry the best!!!! Please help by donating Ohio related items, or cash so that the committee can purchase items to fill our basket. Donations can be brought to a meeting, or mailed to:

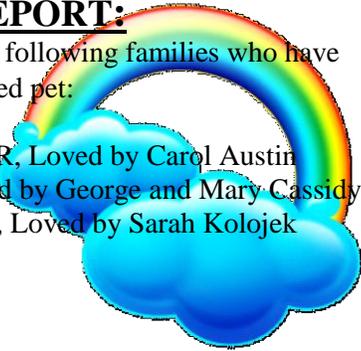
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SUNSHINE REPORT:

Our sympathy to the following families who have recently lost a beloved pet:

BOOMER, Loved by Carol Austin
SARAH, Loved by George and Mary Cassidy
AUSTIN, Loved by Sarah Kolojek



Campout Fun and Contests:

Everyone was a winner at the Wallace's Campout held on Labor Day Weekend in the picturesque valley in Minerva, OH. *But*, if you were lucky enough to be there for the appetizer contest (aka PIG-OUT) held on Saturday night, what a treat you had! How do you choose between Mike Falatach's 5 varieties of buffalo wings; the various yummy dips; and fresh garden salad concoctions? And OH MY....Brenda Lynn's Mashed Potato Pizza? It was a veritable feast and the selections were the most varied and delicious EVER! After much tasting and debating, Brenda won the Best Appetite Contest and I concur with the judges!!!



Fish Tales: Well officially I am not sure who was named as the King of Fish, but I can pretty much tell you that it was NOT George & Abigail!but everyone had fun trying. And this year, Lydia baited her own hooks....YAY Lydia! The breakfast cooked and served by the men on Sunday morning was the best!!! Thanks to

Mike, Michael and Brian; and George for the K-P duty afterwards.



Annalee definitely can row a boat and found a "golden egg" on one of her many explorations around the island! COOL!!!



Quailcrest Dog Walk: (Reported by Pat Wallace of the Education Committee)

Although the economy has impacted many aspects of our lives, it is amazing how generous people still are when it comes to supporting our dogs. Quailcrest dog walk is organized yearly for the sake of rescue organizations across Ohio, with the opportunity to not only *educate* the visitors about responsible breeding and ownership, but also to make some money to help fund the rescue organizations participating in the walk. Once again, we had a successful day with perfect weather. Thank you to all who walked to earn some much needed cash, but also those who manned the booth and helped distribute educational material.



HEART OF OHIO GREAT PYRENEES RESCUE, INC.

Help Always Needed!

HOGPR, Inc. is continually flooded with unwanted Great Pyrenees. These dogs have not had the fortunate lives that many of our dogs have now. We would like to give them a chance to know the good life. If you or someone you know would be interested in adopting one of these great dogs; would like to make a much needed donation; or want any additional information: please contact Pat Wallace, Director of Rescue, at mailtoald@aol.com, or phone her at 330-895-4533.

DOGS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:

FAITH



HOPE



BRUNO



For more information about these dogs, go to our website: www.hogpr.petfinder.org.

MOOCHIE AND COMPANY APPEARANCES

HOGPR, INC. has been participating in a new forum for rescue, where we are invited to a Moochie & Company Dog Store to set-up a table with information, pamphlets, a donation jar, etc., in order to solicit donations and more importantly, meet perspective adopters for our dogs in rescue. Pat Wallace and others have manned tables at the various locations over the past few months and have been pleasantly surprised at the participation and the generous donations of the visitors. This appears to be a worthwhile endeavor for rescue, gets our information to the public; and raises awareness for our group. You can visit the website listed above for a list of scheduled visits, or if you are interested in manning a table, call Pat Wallace.

WISH LIST: Front Line; Gas Cards; Postage Food, Volunteers for fundraising & Education Plus; Volunteers to help groom rescue dogs; Cow



Stamps; Pro Plan Sensitive Skin & Stomach Dog Events; Gift Cards for PetsMart or Pets Supplies Hooves; Pro Plan Weight Circles

MORE PICTURES OF OUR “RESCUES” AT THE QUAILCREST DOG WALK!!

Junior Sporting a Cool Hat



Cooper Styling w/the Babes



Sasha the “Beauty Queen”



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GPCA Regional Specialty -- August 1, 2009
(Submitted by Michael Falatach)

The day started early with a hospitality breakfast and everyone preparing for the big day. The weather was beautiful with sweeps beginning at 8:00 AM. The Sweepstake and Confirmation awards were handmade by Ellie Schultz. They were stunning cobalt blue glass with Pyrenees etchings. After the judging some of us sat down under the HOGPC tent munching on appetizers' waiting for the 10:00 AM club meeting. At 11:00 AM our luncheon began with 26 hungry friends enjoying great food and great conversations. We had a very successful 50/50 raffle and two donated baskets were also raffled. Thank you everyone who attended and we hope to see you next year.

The entry Breakdown: 5 Dogs, 6 Bitches, 8 Best of Breed

Conformation Judge: Mr. Dana P. Cline



Best of Breed: *Ch. Rivergroves Trump This (D)*, Norina D Shields & Clayton Shields & Jean A Boyd

Best of Winners: (3 pts.) *Rivergroves Vanity Fayre (B)*, Russ Wahna & Debbie Wahna & Jean A Boyd



Best of Opposite Sex: *Ch. Braveheart's Rose of Sharon (B)*, Barbara Berkesch & Saturnino Caluducan

Award of Merit: *Ch. Cabochard Blanc Nuage Andorre (B)*, Michael Falatach & Ellie Schultz



Winners Dog (3 pts): *Marais Northern Tycoon (D)* Barbara Berkesch

Reserve Dog: *Thimble Farm Dieudonne Agent 86*, Kyle Simons & Valerie Davis

Reserve Bitch: *Tycoon Apayao Mystic*, Saturnino Caluducan

Sweepstakes Judge: Dr. Patricia Princehouse

Best Puppy Sweeps: *Bellesplace Some Like It Hot At Tycoon (B)*, Elizabeth Dotson & Saturnino Caluducan



Best of Veteran Sweeps: *Mistry Myalaska At Whitehope (D)*, Kim Lasley & Aaron Lynn & Mauren Simon

Best of Opposite: *Ch. Andorre Pure Poetry*, Bonnie Stout Bestoso

2009 CALENDAR

February 22 nd	Board and General Meeting Beth Ott's House
March 28 th	GPCA National Specialty California
May 2 nd	General Meeting Dianne Page & Barb Dillon
June 6 th	Pet Expo Akron, OH
June 13 th & 14 th	Working Dog Weekend Lake Farm Park in Kirkland, OH
August 1 st	GPCA Regional Specialty Canfield, OH General Meeting
September 6 th	Board and General Meeting Combined with Weekend Campout with Dogs Pat & Greg Wallace's House Minerva, OH
September 19 th	Quailcrest Family of Friends Dog Walk Wooster, OH
October 17 th	Board and General Meeting Aaron and Brenda Lynn's House Springfield, OH
December 12 th	Cleveland Crown Classic Dog Show IX Convention Center – Cleveland, OH
December 12 th	General Meeting Holiday & Awards Party IX Convention Center –Cleveland, OH

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www.geocities.com/hogpc/

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Publication Dates:

Submittal Deadline:

February 11th (approx)

April 18th

July 18th

October 3rd

November 28th

April 4th

July 4th

September 19th

November 14th