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What is Pet Happiness?

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According to the English dictionary, happiness is a feeling of contentedness, well-being, pleasure, or good fortune. It is not, as curmudgeon Ambrose Bierce once said, an agreeable sensation arising from contemplating the misery of another [though some humans do seem to derive pleasure in that way].

With dogs, who essentially wear their hearts on their sleeves, contentedness and well-being is a far less complicated affair and is plain for all to see - as long as you know what you are looking for.

Signs of Happiness

Content dogs sleep for about 8 to 10 hours per day, mostly at night. They wake up early and set out in search of food. Breakfast, if you will! They appear bright, alert, active, and solicit attention from their owners. They also interact positively with each other in the case of multi-pet homes. Through the morning, they enjoy walks, play, and social activities, perhaps resting briefly between events. In the afternoon, dogs may spend some time chewing on a toy, exploring in the yard, or socializing with other dogs or people. Increased activity becomes apparent as the late afternoon approaches and into early evening, with the excitement of returning family members and mealtimes. The various actions and interactions that occur at this time are engaged in with interest and joy. Eyes are bright, ears are swiveling, and tails are high. A quieter late evening period ensues with contented animals enjoying each others' company or seeking out and staying close to their human caregivers for company. Many dogs nuzzle to solicit petting. All the world is at peace.

Unhappiness

Unhappy dogs are created by adverse experiences, inconsistent interactions with their owners, lack of exercise, an unstable routine, in appropriate social interactions, and by underemployment. What owners have to remember is that while their homes are set up to please them, with all "mod cons" like telephones, VCRs computers, furniture, and elegant décor, none of these things is really appreciated by the dog. For owners to keep their dogs happy, they have to think like a dog. Think "how would I like it if" and then work their way through their dog's 24-hour day. How would I like it if my owner didn't protect my interests? How would I like it if my owner never exercised me or barely communicated with me in any way? How would I like it if my life was totally unpredictable, uncontrollable, and was punctuated by adverse social interactions? How would I like it if I had nothing to do all day long?

When things go wrong, aspects of the "unhappy dog syndrome" start to emerge. Unhappy dogs often sleep more in a 24-hour period, entering a state bordering on depression or learned helplessness. On the other hand, they may sleep more fitfully at night as they are not in a proper routine. Lack of gainful employment leads to any number of behavior problems that arise as diversions. These sometimes take the form of barking or destructive behavior, annoying attention-seeking behaviors, or overeating. Dogs with social issues may become involved in confrontations with each other or with their owners, do not pay attention to their owners, are difficult to control, and may either become aloof or [paradoxically] over-attached. Their eyes don't shine with excitement but rather appear dull and vacuous. Such dogs may adopt hunkered, cowed postures and may show a lack of alertness and curiosity. Many are

anti-social and some act out their negative feelings toward others. Many times, attention to the basics can turn an animal like this around. The following is a list of items that may need attention:

Steps to a Happy Dog

Most animals are happier if they have a set routine and know what to expect.

Exercise is a great stress reliever and should be encouraged. Dogs should be exercised aerobically for at least 20-30 minutes each day.

Food should be healthful and supplied on a regular basis at mealtimes. It is probably a good idea to change flavors from time to time to prevent boredom of a certain type of food from setting in.

Clear communication with dogs is helpful as a means of building a strong bond between owner and dog and as a way of alleviating stress. Dogs should be taught the meaning of one new word each month and it can be expected to develop a vocabulary of some hundreds of words. The better communication the less confusion.

Medical matters that are bothering the dog should be addressed. Parasites should be controlled, endocrine disturbances should be addressed, pain should be alleviated, and allergies should be attended to. You can't be happy as a dog when you're in pain or discomfort.

For dogs that are withdrawn, they should be coaxed out of themselves and encouraged to join in and be more social. You can do this by playing with them and encouraging them to interact with you or other dogs. Their involvement should be rewarded in no uncertain terms.

For dogs that are over attached and are unhappy or distressed when they are separated from their owners, they should be encouraged to develop independence and, literally, to stand on their own four feet.

Summary

The happy dog that arises as a result of the aforementioned adjustments will sleep well at night and look forward to and enjoy each day and the entertainment that it brings. Aggressive behavior should melt away, fears will be quelled, and annoying habits will be replaced by constructive alternatives. Once this happy Utopian state has been achieved, an owner will enjoy his or her dog even more and, perhaps more importantly, the dog will look up to its owner as it positively radiates appreciation and, what else, happiness.

The #1, #2 and #3 Emergencies Seen In Pet Emergency Rooms

Dr Jon's Column - Petplace.com

Do you know the #1 emergency seen in pet emergency rooms?

Most people guess trauma from being hit by a car, gun shot wound, bite wounds, drowning, and other "exciting" and urgent problems. Do you know what the number one reason pet owners take their dogs to the animal emergency room?

It is vomiting. Yep, the number one reason dog owners take their dog to the after hours emergency room is vomiting. Your dog starts vomiting, you get a little nervous, you clean up the mess, you're watching him closely, he acts listless and with no energy, you become really worried.

Do you know what to do?

1. Make sure you know where your local emergency room is or how your vet deals with emergency. Keep this information (phone number, hours, address and directions) handy.
2. Make sure you know your dog's medical history and any medications he is on. The emergency vet will want to know when it started, how many times your dog vomited, what the vomit looked like, the

last time your dog vomited, and if there are any accompanying symptoms such as lethargy, weakness or diarrhea. Observe your dog. If possible, take a sample of the most recent diarrhea with you.

3. Call your veterinarian or emergency clinic to determine what they want you to do. Their staff will talk to you about your pet and their recommendation if you should take him or her in for examination. If your dog has only vomited once, is acting normal, has no diarrhea, they may give you a recommendation to wait a few hours and see if you pet vomits again.

4. Prevent exposure of your pet to trash, table scraps and other foreign objects that he may be inclined to chew on. Make any food changes gradually and over a several day period. Buy only safe toys and ensure your dog does not chew on any objects around that house which he could swallow and be unable to digest or pass through his system.

How much will going in to see the vet for a vomiting dog cost you? Anywhere from \$130 - \$300+ depending whether they do X-rays and other tests. This just happened to someone I know this week. She did not have pet insurance so she paid it out of pocket. How many more times can she afford to do this?

One last thing, many emergencies of this type are caused by owners feeding pet's table scraps and pets getting access to trash. Please be very careful what you feed your dog.

The number one reason pet owners take their dogs... is vomiting.

Can you guess what is #2?

Well?... It is diarrhea. I know that this is not a pleasant subject, but it is so common that I believe all that all pet owners should know what to do if your dog has an on-set of diarrhea. So please take a minute to read this so you know what to look for and what to do.

Let's get started...

A quick medical definition for diarrhea is a sudden onset and short duration (three weeks or less) of watery or watery-mucoid diarrhea. Occasionally the fecal material is also overtly bloody.

Diarrhea results from excessive water content in the feces and is an important sign of intestinal diseases in the dog. Diarrhea can affect your dog by causing extreme fluid loss, which leads to dehydration, electrolyte disturbances, and/or acid-base imbalances.

Diarrhea is a symptom that can be caused by many different diseases or conditions, and specific treatment requires a diagnosis.

Common causes of diarrhea include:

1. Dietary indiscretion can include the eating of spoiled food, overeating, the ingestion of foreign materials, and/or sudden changes in the diet.
2. Intestinal parasites (e.g. roundworms, hookworms, whipworms) are a common cause of acute diarrhea, especially in young dogs.
3. Bacteria and bacterial toxins (Salmonella, Clostridium, Campylobacter, Escherichia coli, Yersinia, etc.) may cause acute diarrhea and may be contracted from contaminated food and water, or exposure to the fecal material of other infected animals.

Although most cases of acute diarrhea are short-lived and self-limiting, there are some cases that require diagnostic testing to confirm an underlying cause. This will require that you take your dog into see your vet or to the Emergency Room.

How much will going in to see the vet for a dog with diarrhea cost you? Anywhere from \$100 - \$300+ depending whether they do fecal studies, complete blood count, radiographs and other diagnostic tests.

The good news, is that in many cases the prognosis for cure of self-limiting diarrhea is very good. When the diarrhea begins you should feed a bland diet, made from a boiled lean meat (chicken, hamburger or turkey) mixed 50/50 with

SOME INTERESTING WEB SITES

If you have some favourite sites, please share them

~cidd/intro.htm"<http://www.upei.ca/~cidd/intro.htm>

dog owners whose pet has been found to have an inherited condition potential dog owners who want help in avoiding these problems when choosing a pet veterinarians looking for current information on both well-known and more obscure genetic disorders, including diagnostic and therapeutic information dog breeders who are looking for suggestions on how to avoid these conditions in their lines of dogs

<http://lowchensaustralia.com/sitemenu.htm>

<http://thedogsforum.blogspot.com/2007/07/dog-facts-dogs-are-red-green-colour.html>

A complete section on grooming under files at

<http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/cairn->

An interesting video for teaching dogs who don't like their nails to be trimmed to tolerate it.

http://www.canisfilmfestival.com/submissions_02.html

Treats For Good Little Cairns

Pumpkin Patch Paws

Ingredients

1 1/2 Cups of wheat flour
4 Tbs Butter Flavored Shortening
1 Egg
1 Tbs Brown Sugar
1/2 can Solid Pack Canned Pumpkin
1/2 c Buttermilk

Direction

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Cut the shortening into the flour. In a separate bowl, beat the egg with milk, brown sugar and pumpkin.

Combine egg mixtures with the flour and shortening, stirring until a soft dough forms. Drop by table-spoons onto an ungreased cookie sheet and bake for 12 to 15 minutes. Let cool and serve.

*I need some new pictures of your cairns, so please send them along. However, PLEASE have the dogs name in the link so I can identify the dog and owner in the Picture Gallery.
Thanks - Linda*

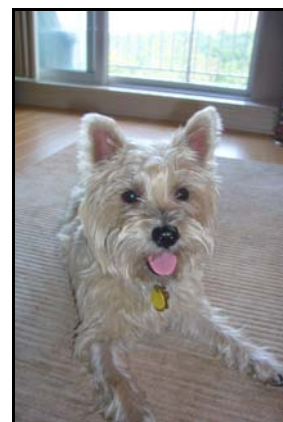
A Gallery of Cairns



Ranger, a handsome youngster,
owned by The Thomson Family



Max and Maggie, last Hallowe'en
owned and loved by Sarah Hasko
and family.



Miss Maggie, loved and owned by
Dia Karagianis

Cairn in the Movies

Trish Watson

The Wizard of Oz, 1939. Two Academy Awards for music, five additional nominations Judy Garland, Margaret Hamilton, Ray Bolger, Jack Haley, Bert Lahr, Frank Morgan, (plays five parts, have you found them all?), TOTO. Mostly directed by Victor Fleming. (He gets the final credit) The Ultimate Oz, re release for the 50th anniversary, includes script, out-takes, and how it was made video.

The Wizard of Oz on Ice, 1995. This is the video of the television special shown on CBS last year. It is also a currently touring ice show.

Reap the Wild Wind, 1942. John Wayne, Ray Milland, Paulette Goddard, Raymond Massey, Robert Preston, Susan Hayward, Hedda Hopper. Directed by the great Cecil B. DeMille. It earned one Academy Award for special effects, (the underwater stuff is fun), and two additional nominations. The Cairn is a prominent actor throughout.

The Uninvited, 1944. Ray Milland, Ruth Hussey. Directed by Lewis Allen. Nice and creepy, the Cairn is crucial to the plot.

The Ghost and Mrs. Muir, 1947. Gene Tierney, Rex Harrison, George Sanders. Directed by Joseph L. Mankiewicz. Cairn? Yes Indeed! Watch it again, and this time take note of Mrs. Muir's dog.

Bright Eyes, 1934. Bad news, this one is also available colorized. Shirley Temple, James Dunn, Jane Withers. Directed by David Butler. A Cairn has the role of Shirley's dog Rags.

Without Love, 1945. Katherine Hepburn, Spencer Tracy, Lucille Ball, Keenen Wynne. Directed by Barbara Sass. Spencer Tracy turns out to be a Cairn fancier.

Hocus Pocus, 1993. Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker, Kathy Najimy, directed by Kenny Ortega. A Disney Halloween offering. A Cairn has a small but pivotal role in an extended cameo with Penny and Garry Marshall.

Twister, 1995. Blockbuster tornado movie. The movie opens with a Cairn in a storm cellar scene that sends the plot on a twist. I like the soundtrack and the picture is not bad.

The Valley of Decision, 1945. Greer Garson, Gregory Peck, directed by Tay Garnett. Wealthy 1800's mill baron falls for housemaid.

Saturn 3, 1980. Farrah Fawcett, Kirk Douglas, Harvey Keitel, directed by Stanley Donen, the Cairn Terrier Sally is pivotal to the plot as she senses danger first. Unfortunately her sense of character leads to her demise. Campy sci-fi picture.

George Washington Slept Here, 1942. Jack Benny, Ann Sheridan, Charles Coburn, directed by William Keighley. House renovation mayhem, canny Cairn, very funny.

Dunston Checks In, 1996. Jason Alexander, Cairn as guest at a hotel throughout film.

Portrait of a Lady, Nicole Kidman, Cairn Terrier throughout movie

My Summer Vacation, British movie, has Cairn puppies in disguise, said to be very entertaining.

Airforce, I am not sure of the year or stars of this picture. It is movie about WWII flyers and there is a section in which a Cairn is delivered to a base for safekeeping. I have only seen this one snippet of the film; it was passed on to me without titles or year of film. If anyone on the list has seen it and knows the rest of the information about the movie, let me know.

And T.V. too!

There is an episode of Upstairs Downstairs in which the family's daughter sneaks a pup into the household. The whole episode is based on hiding the dog and of course the dog is a Cairn. Name of episode unknown.

There is an episode of the British comedy series Are You Being Served Again in which a very large wheaten cairn is the only watchdog to a newly purchased herd of sheep that the cast is trying to retrieve to save from the dinner plate. Name of episode unknown.

Dog Attacked By Cougar

DENIS LANGLOIS - Grey-Bruce Sun Times

Woman convinced dog attacked by cougar; Mauled pet found on other side of four-foot high fence

May 4 2008

A vicious attack left Diana Hunter's tiny dog covered in blood and near death.

Darcy, an eight-year-old wheaten cairn terrier, was ripped from Hunter's fenced-in backyard by a wild animal, brutally mauled and left for dead.

The Flesherton-area woman found her beloved pooch lying completely still under a bush near the outside of its wire pen.

"I didn't hardly realize it was her at first. All it looked like was a pile of dirt," the still-emotional Hunter said in an interview Wednesday. "She was totally black and when I picked her up I realized a lot of what I was seeing was blood."

Even though Hunter did not see the attack - or the attacker - she said she is convinced it was a cougar. She said a local resident spotted one in a nearby field the day her dog was attacked.

The only animal able to scale a four-foot fence to take out a 15.5-pound dog would be a cougar, she said.

The Ministry of Natural Resources has been contacted but has not investigated.

An official asked Hunter to collect any traces of the attacker, such as hair or feces, for DNA analysis. The evidence could pinpoint the animal responsible.

No trace of the attacker has been found.

The MNR has said there is no evidence a cougar lives in the area despite almost weekly calls from people claiming to have spotted one of the wild cats.

Darcy was attacked shortly before noon on May 4. Hunter called her dogs inside after about half an hour

in the backyard. Four of her five terriers came inside, but Darcy was nowhere to be found. Hunter searched the backyard and under the deck but with no luck.

After finding Darcy under a bush, Hunter rushed her inside to rinse off the blood.

Seeing the extent of her dog's injuries, Hunter wrapped Darcy in a blanket, put her inside its crate and drove to the Blue Mountain Veterinary Services office.

The vet stabilized the dog, hooked it up to intravenous, applied bandages and administered pain medication.

"There was nothing for her to stitch," Hunter said.

"It looked like nail claw marks all over her back and bites around her tail and her back leg."

Hunter, a licensed veterinary technician, took the dog home to nurse it back to health. Darcy remained on IV for three more days. Hunter said Darcy seemed to be getting better late last week but recently took a turn for the worse. Darcy is shivering, has a nasty infection and refuses to eat.

"She's terrified of everything," Hunter said.

The dog's prognosis is not good. A veterinarian has told Hunter her dog must be seen by a specialist in Guelph or it will likely die. The cost would be about \$11,000.



Darcy

Alert: Cougar Attack

Diana Hunter

I found out the hard way today the Dept of Natural Resources has released a number of cougars into the area to deal with the high population of deer.

My girls were outside in their 4' high pen playing. I called them in and they all came but one girl Darcy. I went out and checked everywhere and there was no sign of her anywhere. No holes she could have escaped from and the gate is padlocked. I went out the other door and found her about 200 yards away laying in some bushes covered in blood and dirt.

An emergency run to the Vet showed a badly bitten and bruised cairn and she must have put up a real fight because she lost her front teeth and two top canines. She is home now on IV full of anti biotics and sedation. She looks absolutely pathetic, but I couldn't leave her at the Vet where they aren't a 24hr Clinic I would have had a 2 hour drive to the nearest 24hr facility, and since I am Vet Tech I can look after her as well here.

They x-rayed for fractures and internal bleeding but all looks good at the moment. It was my Vet who told me about the cougar release, and said by the look of her she is lucky to have survived.

Say a prayer for her and please if you are in Northern Ontario be aware of this danger.

Diana - Carickfergus Cairns.

May 5, 2008

It is with great sadness we were forced to let Darcy join her Mom > Kaitlin at the Rainbow Bridge. She fought so hard to overcome her injuries from the cougar attack, but in the end although some of the bites were healing, her kidneys and liver failed.

We all love and will miss you sweet little girl.
Her best friends Jemma - Minee -
Granddaughters Shandy & Annie
Diana & Susanne - Carickfergus Cairns.

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Movies.....con't from page 5

The Lucy and Desi Hour, A short lived television show that occurred when the Little Ricky character was portrayed at about nine years of age. The famous real life divorce had either just happened or was in the works, so it is the last work with the couple together with Fred and Ethel. There is a long running gag in the show with little Ricky's dog Fred. Of course whenever the name was called, both Freds came running. Fred the dog was also known to occasionally disappear, he usually turned up at his beloved obedience academy, which is the only place he was known to obey commands. Fred was a Cairn.

I know there are other movies with Cairn terriers in them, but persons who told me of them, when they heard of my quest, could not give me enough information to find them. If you know of any I missed, E-mail me and let me know.

Just a buzz from the bees,

Trish Watson - Bizzy B Cairns

According to the BC All Terrier Club stats the top 10 cairns in 2007 were:

Skerryvore Highlander Jamie Je 226
Corimar's Rise Up 'N Challenge 184
Warkshire Swing Of The Kilt 157
Pebble Rock's Golden Child 157
Quarrydene's Victory By Day 148
Havenshire Prince Charming 88
Paragon's Get the Led Out 83
Kiowa Mmdw Lord of The Rings 74
My Victorian Rhapsody 73
Larchlea True Colors 60
Melrose Never Nevermore 58

Glenn Sergius

Linda and Winston - A Great Year so Far!

So far, 2008 has been a great year for CTAO member Linda Chafe and her cairns. They live up North near Sudbury, so it is always a delight to see Linda's beaming smile at dog shows here in the South.

Linda was active in obedience with her male Chance, and he achieved his sixth CKC title, Rally Advanced, on March 28th 2008. His show name is Take A Chance On Me CD RN RA CARO RNMCL RACL

Conformation showing began with Linda's first female, Isis. After putting a championship on her, Linda bred her and she produced one male pup, Winston, who grew up to be a handsome fellow, and smart too! He enjoys the show ring, but his love is Rally-O and performance sports in general. Winston received his Championship on March 28th 2008, CKC Rally Novice title on May 25, 2008 and his CARO Rally Novice MCL title on March 16, 2008 with a High in Trial.... He earned his CKC Pre-Companion Dog on December 15, 2007.



Canadian Championship - March 28th, 2008

A direct quote from Linda:-

I have to stop showing these dogs they now have more credentials than me ... LOL



CKC Rally Novice Title - May 25th 2008

Proving the versatility of the Cairn Terrier

Emergency.....cont. from page 3

boiled white rice. Do not use any additives such as butter, salt, garlic, or seasoning. Over a couple days, you can slowly decrease the bland diet and increase his regular food until he is back on his normal food.

If the dog that has diarrhea acts lethargic, weak, the diarrhea has blood or vomiting begins, the recommendation is to have the dog evaluated by a veterinarian even if you have to pay for it out-of-pocket. Your dog's health is the first priority.

Once the diarrhea has resolved, keep your dog on a consistent, balanced diet and restrict access to garbage and other things that can cause diarrhea. If your dog's diarrhea has failed to respond to the management outlined, it may require more extensive diagnostics. You should have your dog reevaluated by your veterinarian.

The third most common reason that dogs are brought to veterinary emergency rooms is...not eating.

This "symptom" of "not eating" is a common symptom of many different diseases and problems and often accompanies other signs. For example, a

dog may not have eaten but also vomited or is acting lethargic. Regardless, not eating is a very common symptom of various diseases, some of which are serious which causes worried dog owners to bring their dog to emergency rooms.

Because it is so common, it is likely that it will affect your dog at one time or another. I want to give you some tips on how to plan for, prepare, deal with and prevent this problem in your dog.

Do you know what to do?

1. This is basic but important. Make sure you know where your local emergency room is or how your vet deals with emergency. Keep this information (phone number, hours, address and directions) handy.

2. Next, make sure you know your dog's medical history and any medications he is on. The emergency veterinarian will want to know when the last time your dog ate, and if his lack of appetite is associated with any other symptom such as vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy, weakness, collapse, trouble breathing...or anything else. Make sure you observe your dog during this time. Take him out on a leash and observe if his urine and bowel movements are normal. Also, this ensures that he is not doing something you don't know about such as vomiting that you may not have observed if you weren't with him or her. Check the trash to ensure that he has not been exposed to any toxins or other objects. Note if there has been any diet change. Is your dog a senior? If on medication, has his medication changed recently?

3. Here are some tips on how to help a dog that is not eating. You can try to offer fresh food - and fresh water. Some dogs respond to "fresh food" from the bag. When an owner calls some veterinary clinics - they may hear some advice (depending on the clinic). If the dog is acting sick or the owner is concerned, the recommendation is always to bring the dog in for evaluation. However, if the condition does not sound life threatening sometimes a bland diet may be recommended.

A bland diet can be made from a boiled lean meat (chicken, hamburger or turkey) mixed 50/50 with

boiled white rice. Do not use any additives such as butter, salt, garlic, or seasoning. Over a couple days, you can slowly decrease the bland diet and increase his regular food until he is back on his normal food.

Again, if you are worried, the best recommendation is to have the dog evaluated by a veterinarian.

4. There is no good way to "prevent" the lack of appetite unless you can prevent the underlying cause. To keep your pet safest, prevent exposure of your pet to trash, table scraps and other foreign objects that he may be inclined to chew on. Make any food changes gradually and over several days. Buy only safe toys and ensure your dog does not chew on any objects around that house which he could swallow and be unable to digest or pass through his system causing a possible obstruction.

How much will going in to see the vet for dog that is not eating going to cost you? Because there are so many possible causes, most veterinarians will recommend some basic blood work and possibly an urinalysis as a starting point to help determine some of the possible causes. Additionally, radiographs (X-rays) may also be recommended. The prices at different clinics around the country vary but without treatment, the emergency fee, blood work and X-rays ranges from \$325.00 to about \$500.00. This does not include any treatment. If there is a substantial underlying cause, then the treatment for that is additional.

One last thing, many emergencies of this type are caused by exposure to toxins, owners feeding pet's table scraps and pets getting access to trash. Please be very careful what you feed your dog. Also, do not give any medications unless instructed by your veterinarian.

How many times could you afford to cover pet emergencies out of pocket like this? How about even more costly emergencies. Have you looked into pet insurance yet?

Talk to your veterinarian and ask his/her recommendations. Vet Clinics deal with these companies all the time, so they know what they will cover and how fast they pay out.

Sharing a Little Story about a Little Dog

Wenda Bradley

Thirteen years ago I had a puppy born in a litter of 5 that by the time he was 5 weeks of age, we knew had some type of problem. His body and head and tail were growing normally but his little legs were not. He was the cutest little thing that hopped when he ran as his legs just seemed to not work properly. After x-rays and numerous consultations the general consensus from vets and fellow breeders at the time was that he would likely be a dwarf and we should do him a kindness and put him to sleep.

Well, we could not do it so he hung out here for months until a friend's father passed away and she told me how lonesome her mother was. Well little Teddy as we called him went to visit this lady who was in her late 60's and she fell in love and asked if she could keep him. She named him Fergus as she felt it was more dignified than Teddy. He was her constant companion, he got his own invitations to teas and card games and was always such a little gentleman. He never went far as he would tire very quickly and could not jump up on furniture so most of this lady's friends adored him as they got to carry him and cuddle him (which he adored). Sadly the lady fell ill and I got him back and we figured he would just stay here with us as he was no trouble and all my dogs adapted to him right away. As luck would have it another elderly lady contacted me wondering if she could give him a home so off he went to keep her company for a couple of years until, she too fell ill and had to be placed in a home. Back he came, hopped right into the house just as if he had never been gone and we figured - here he is to stay this time.

Well, a very good friend of mine came to visit and he took to her like crazy so she asked if he could come and live with her. Off he went and my girlfriend and her family treated him like royalty. They built a new house all on one level with only very low risers on both the back and front stairs so he could hop up and down and come

in and out like a normal dog. He had a pool that he would take short swims in and sleep on the diving board. My girlfriend's daughter would put him in an old-fashioned baby carriage and he would go for walks around the neighbourhood as they also have a greyhound that needed to be walked daily and Fergus could not even hope to keep up. Everyone in their neighbourhood knew him and would stop to see him or if they saw my friend out somewhere they would stop to ask how Fergus was doing.

They brought him to me on Friday as they were going on vacation and the deal was that he always came back here to visit when they travelled. He seemed a little slower and quieter than normal, but he was 13 years old, so we didn't worry too much. He ate his breakfast with gusto this morning but when I came home from work he did not greet me at the door with the others. He had lay down sometime this afternoon and never woke up. This little Cairn was a true example of how tenacious, determined and loving our little breed is, and I am so glad that I did not follow the advice of others to put him to sleep those many years ago. Now, of course, I have the tough job of telling his family that he will not be coming home but I think they will understand that he had a long and happy life and that he brought happiness to many people along the way.

Goodbye little Fergus, we will miss you!

Wenda

MORE CAIRN HAIKU

I sound the alarm!
Paper boy -- come to kill us all
Look! Look! Look! Look! Look!

I sound the alarm!
Garbage man -- come to kill us all
Look! Look! Look! Look! Look!

I lift my leg and
Whiz on each bush. Hello, Spot--
Sniff this and weep

**CTAO Cairn Terrier Activity Award
For Achievement in Multiple Activities**

Border Crossing With Dogs

Jerry Hulburt, (US Customs, Blaine, WA)

Objective - To encourage Cairn Terrier owners to participate in a variety of activities with their dogs and achieve recognition for attaining a performance level in at least two different CKC sanctioned activities.

Recognition - the recognition to be as follows:

1. A rosette ribbon for achieving an approved performance title in each CKC sanctioned activity.
2. A goblet for achieving an approved performance title in two different CKC sanctioned activities.

Activities - Activities must be sanctioned by CKC and include the following: 1. Agility

2. Companion Dog
3. Conformation
4. Earth Dog
5. Flyball
6. Obedience
7. Rally
8. Scent Hurdle
9. Tracking
10. Utility
11. Canine Good Neighbour Program
12. Therapy Dog

There may be more CKC activities.

Presentation - Awards to be presented at the annual CTAO Fun Day or Annual Meeting. Members will be eligible for the awards from the date of their respective membership in CTAO

Ed.Note: Conformation has been removed as a category as the Board felt it would be more fair since not all members show their Cairns in conformation.

We have recently had a lifting of beef restrictions on dog food. However, any product with lamb or goat byproducts is inadmissible. This is especially true with products from Canada (usually the ingredients are listed bilingual French/English). If you have to buy Canadian dog food, buy enough for the trip there and use it up there. If you choose to buy Canadian dog food requiring you to cross with it, be sure that the ingredients don't include lamb or goat meat! This has no bearing on whether the products has an American distribution (like IAMS, etc)

If you bring dog food from the United States into Canada, leave it in the original purchased bag so that the inspectors will see that it is from the US. If your pooch needs a portion, take enough out for him/her and leave the rest in the original labeled bag/box with ingredients. As long as the bag says that it is manufactured in US, lamb and goat is alright. No French on US bags!

If an inspector sees that the dog food is loose; without any source information, they (1) don't know the ingredients (could have lamb/goat byproducts) and/or (2) they don't know where it came from, it's seized. It could have lamb/goat and come from Canada.

Each country has a disease status that inspectors need to be aware of if the dog food is from that country. Usually we are dealing with Canada here. Other countries will be regulated on a case by case basis.

By all means, be SURE TO DECLARE YOUR DOG FOOD. Failure to declare regardless of what country it comes from, how well it's packaged, could result in a penalty. Yes, we will discard it but only if it is inadmissible or don't know its ingredients. This policy is uniform/should be. Hope this helps.

It is best to have interested parties call the ports where the crossing will occur to see if they have any literature or can talk to someone regarding their policy. It should be the same throughout the system; it is best to check locally, though. Let me know if this is clear or you have any other questions. Take care.

Jerry

Swimming Danger to Dogs

This warning below was cross-posted to the Tellington TTouch forum because it is so important and effects can be deadly. It is not a hoax and information warnings on blue-green algae blooms in rivers and lakes appear on several state and other legitimate websites. It's worth taking the time to check around swimming areas before letting our dogs, our children and ourselves swim and play in the water. Please pass along to others.

It is with a very heavy heart that I write this and I apologize for its length. Please, PLEASE pass this around.

On Monday, June 25, 2007 I took my healthy 9 month old Border Collie Vita swimming at approximately 6:30 p.m. Vita and two other BC's spent about an hour and a half diving off the dock, chasing the Water Kong, and running around. The temperature that day was just over 90 degrees, but none of the dogs looked particularly winded or hot.

Vita emerged from the water and looked as if she was going to vomit. She threw up lake water three times. I wasn't particularly concerned as she took in a lot of water from retrieving and swimming so much and had seen other dogs do that in the past without complications.

After the third time throwing up, she lay down and closed her eyes. Her tongue was hanging out of her mouth and I began to suspect she may have heat stroke. I immediately placed ice on her stomach and checked her gums. They were pink. I took her temperature which was 101.9, still normal. I then called my Vet who said these conditions did not indicate heat stroke and said I needed to get emergency medical attention right away.

Vita was not responsive and when I picked her up to put her in the car she was limp and her eyes were still closed. Her breathing was slow and her heart was racing. I arrived at the emergency clinic only a half hour from the time she showed signs of distress. The ER Vet asked me what sorts of things Vita had been doing all day. I explained that she was crated as

I was gone for the latter part of the afternoon and that upon coming home, the only other place she went was to the lake.

Vita's eyes were fixed and dilated and the Vet suggested there was already brain damage. After administering an IV and oxygen, the Vet called me in and said Vita was not responding and that it appeared that she was suffering from some kind of toxic poisoning. Her heart rate was 200. He mentioned that he had recently seen a couple of dogs who died from Blue Green Algae Toxicity. I told him that the lake had what appeared to be algae blooms on the surface of the water. Neither of the other two dogs showed any of the signs that Vita had and that neither dog took in as much water as Vita apparently did. We decided to put her on a ventilator overnight and give her a "chance" to pull through.

When I got home I did a Dogpile.com search of "Blue Green Algae Toxicity in Dogs" and found some very disturbing information.

-Blooms can occur at any time, but most often occur in late summer or early fall. They can occur in marine, estuarine, and fresh waters, but the blooms of greatest concern are the ones that occur in fresh water, such as drinking water reservoirs or recreational waters.

-Some cyanobacterial blooms can look like foam, scum, or mats on the surface of fresh water lakes and ponds. The blooms can be blue, bright green, brown, or red and may look like paint floating on the water. Some blooms may not affect the appearance of the water. As algae in a cyanobacterial bloom die, the water may smell bad.

-Some cyanobacteria that can form CyanoHABs (Harmful Algal Blooms) produce toxins that are among the most powerful natural poisons known. These toxins have no known antidotes.

-Swallowing water that has cyanobacterial toxins in it can cause acute, severe gastroenteritis (including diarrhea and vomiting).

-Liver toxicity (i.e., increased serum levels of liver

enzymes). Symptoms of liver poisoning may take hours or days to show up in people or animals. Symptoms include abdominal pain, diarrhea, and vomiting.

-Kidney toxicity.

-Neurotoxicity. These symptoms can appear within 15 to 20 minutes after exposure. In dogs, the neurotoxins can cause salivation and other neurologic symptoms, including weakness, staggering, difficulty breathing, convulsions, and death. People may have numb lips, tingling fingers and toes, or they may feel dizzy.

Vita had indeed exhibited salivation and signs of weakness, staggering, difficulty breathing and vomiting.

At 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 26, 2007 I called the Vet and was told that they took Vita off the ventilator a couple of times during the night and that she was not breathing on her own. I told him to discontinue the procedure and to let her go.

I called the DNR here in Michigan and was told that Blue Green Algae didn't usually appear this time of year and I told the agent that the conditions were that of late summer in Michigan, very hot for the last two days and reminded him that Blue Green Algae can appear at any time. He told me not to panic or to alarm other people. I told him that had someone else panicked, we wouldn't be having this conversation right now.

Later that morning I found out from a neighbor that her two young boys had vomiting, diarrhea and stomach cramps last week and her Doctor suggested she bring in a water sample. I do not know if she did or not.

I also talked to a woman from a neighboring county whose neighbor's dog ingested a lot of water from a pond and died suddenly a couple weeks ago.

As of this writing, Wednesday, June 27th, I have not heard anything from Michigan State where I took Vita for a necropsy and toxological panel.

For the time being, I would strongly suggest you watch your dogs when swimming in small lakes and ponds as the potential threat of toxic poisoning from Blue Green Algae is prevalent. Had I known that algae of any kind was toxic, you can be sure my dogs wouldn't be swimming anywhere and that Vita, whose name quite ironically meant "life" in Latin, would be alive today.

Missing you more than you can imagine.
May you rest in peace, Red Top Vita
09/05/06 - 06/26/07

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Treasured Friend

I lost a treasured friend today
The little dog who used to lay
His gentle head upon my knee
And share his silent thoughts with me...
He'll come no longer to my call
Retrieve no more his favorite ball
A voice far greater than my own
Has called him to His golden throne.
Although my eyes are filled with tears,
I thank Him for the happy years
He let him spend down here with me
And for his love and loyalty.
When it is time for me to go
And join him there, this much I know...
I shall not fear the transient dark
For he will greet me with his bark.

Author Unknown

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JULY GATHERING

Our next meeting will be on Saturday July 12, 2008 at 2.00 PM at the Platt residence at 450 Wellington Street N. in Woodstock.

This will be a potluck barbecue with Gayle and Dave supplying the meat.

The time could possibly change, depending on when the Cairns are in the ring at the Woodstock show. You will be informed when we know for certain.

Dave Platt, Chairman.

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Planned Agenda for 2008

July - Gathering & BBQ in Woodstock

September 28 - Fun Day

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Your committee works hard planning events for you to enjoy with your Cairns. It would be nice to see some "new" faces coming out to support our efforts.

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Household hazards for dogs

Rock Salt dangerous to dogs

My name is Marcie Reber..My husband and I adopted "Duke" almost 2 years ago from Jean-nine....On Monday of this past week, Duke became very ill..not able to stand..very lethargic..we took him to vet, Dr. Andy Hillman and we thought he had disc disease with pressure being put on nerve causing the back leg paralysis...brought him home Monday and he got increasingly worse..we did not think he would make it through the night..rushed him back to vet Tuesday morning..and after doing labs..we found out he was in acute renal failure..near death..we were wracking our brains trying to figure out what happened..Dr. Hillman insisted it was poison, but we couldn't find anything..then my husband remembered Duke licking ice cubes on Mother's Day that had fallen out of our ice cream maker..

ROCK SALT..PLEASE pass on to everyone that Rock Salt is dangerous to dogs and probably other animals..He ingested enough from ice cubes to shut down his kidneys..the rock salt crystals breaking down, blocked his kidneys, bladder etc..he had to have massive boluses of fluids..catheter inserted which unclogged his urethra and finally he has passed the crisis..we brought him home last night and he is recovering nicely..still not much of appetite, but he is bouncing back..Having never heard of this, I thought it might be of interest to pass along..

Thanks..Marcie

Mosquito Prevention: Worth A Try!

I was at a deck party awhile back, and the bugs were having a ball biting everyone.

A man at the party sprayed the lawn and deck floor with Listerine, and the little demons disappeared.

The next year I filled a 4-ounce spray bottle and used it around my seat whenever I saw mosquitoes.

And voila! That worked as well.. It worked at a picnic where we sprayed the area around the food table,

the children's swing area, and the standing water nearby. During the summer, I don't leave home without it.....Pass it on.

OUR FRIEND'S COMMENTS: I tried this on my deck and around all of my doors.

It works - in fact, it killed them instantly. I bought my bottle from Target and it cost me \$1.89.

It really doesn't take much, and it is a big bottle, too; so it is not as expensive to use as the can of Bug-spray you buy that doesn't last 30 minutes. So, try this, please. It will last a couple of days.

Don't spray directly on a wood door (like your front door), but spray around the frame.

Spray around the window frames, and even inside the dog house.

Now these are Good Mosquitoes!!!

An Amusing Dog Story

An old tired-looking dog wandered into the yard. I could tell from his collar and well fed belly that he had a home. He followed me into the house, into the kitchen, and on a couch.

An hour later he went to the door, and I let him out. The next day he was back, resumed his position on the couch, and slept for an hour. This continued for several weeks. Curious, I pinned a note to his collar, 'Every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap.'

The next day he arrived with a different note pinned to his collar, 'He lives in a home with ten children. He's trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?'

EDITORS END NOTE

On March 16th several of us attended a very interesting talk given by Club member Jan Morgan. Jan is an Animal Behaviourist and she gave us some interesting advice, and also demonstrated Positive methods of training on a puppy that was present. There were small prizes given out and lots of laughter as we tried to copy Jan's methods with our dogs. All in all, a very enjoyable afternoon.



The Earthdog Tests on May 10/11th were also a huge success, and we had a very good entry both days. Gayle Platt reports the following:

This past week-end Ontario Earthdogs held CKC Earthdog Tests. We had 84 entries over the week-end.

On Sunday 50% of the Senior Earthdog entrants passed, to the delight of their owners.

There were 9 Juniors and 9 Seniors that passed, but 7 of the Seniors were on Sunday out of 14 starters. And there were 8 Intro to Quarry passes out of 24 starters. All in all a good percentage of passes. Lots of brown ribbons and stuffed rats wandering around the grounds.

9 dachshunds passed IQ, JE & SE (3, 2, & 4)

7 cairns (2, 4, & 1)

8 borders (2, 2 & 4)

The dachshunds are smart and really enthusiastic too. They consistently managed to chew through the maple dowels at the ends of the tunnel. I think they are 1" thick. Also the dachshunds here in Ontario have been holding Earthdog trials for much longer than the rest of us, so they probably are a step up on the training methods.

The next Gathering will in Woodstock at the Platt's home, for a BBQ, on July 12th. I hope to see you there.

LINDA



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FIONA MacDONALD

MARCH 18TH, 1960 - MARCH 27TH, 2008

The Cairn World is the sadder for the passing of an enthusiastic member who loved our favourite breed. Fiona very much enjoyed any and all activities that included Cairn Terriers. Her beaming smile endeared her to many, and her willingness to help wherever she could was much appreciated by all.

She will be sorely missed.



Fiona, manning the Cairn Rescue booth at the Cairn Terrier Club of Canada - Ontario Region CairnFest fun day, June 8th 2007



Enjoying a cuddle at a puppy party, January 20th 2008



With Linda, saying Goodbye to "Dulcie" before she went to her new home, October 2007.