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Havanese Club of America 2009

National Specialty

August 19 – 22 Lombard, Illinois

Wednesday, August 19th - Seminars
 Thursday, August 20th - Regional Specialty, HRI Reception, Sweepstakes
 Friday, August 21st – Natl' Specialty, Dinner
 Saturday, August 22nd – Natl' Specialty, Awards Dinner

Hotel:

[The Westin Lombard Yorktown Center](#)

Message from the President

It looks like winter is finally over. The weather is more energizing and I know the dogs are busy playing and, again, feel like running their laps around the yard. We all get a little “cabin fever” and are so ready for the sunny, warm days of spring and summer. I know I am also more energized – there is so much to do that has lain dormant all winter – it is a busy time of year.

With spring, comes new life and new litters of puppies. I have had the joy of my first litter in more than a couple of years and have enjoyed every minute of it. I know some of you are also experiencing the joy of new puppies – either as breeders or as new owners. I have a piece of advice for each of you:

The first thing you do is get a newspaper, roll it up very tight, secure it with a rubber band and leave it on the coffee table where it can be easily reached. Then, when the puppy piddles in the house, chews up a slipper or does anything it not supposed to do, simply take the newspaper and bang it on the top of your head very, very hard while repeating “I should have been watching my puppy better!”

Enjoy the spring, enjoy your friends and families and enjoy your Havs! I hope to see you at some club events this summer!

Mary Ellen Vickery, President

North Star Hav-A-News

Well.....I guess it is in the genes. Kennedy (Docmar's Spirit of Camelot) has declared herself her mother's official "Helper"! She has joined Stella (Heartland Street Car Named Desire) in the whelping box where she is busy cleaning babies too.....just like her momma did to the Golden litters when she was young!

For those of you who haven't seen the photos of Stella.....aka *Nanny 911* at work, I have attached a couple photos' for you to see her in action, and I guess that Kennedy feels it is her job now too!



Stella cuddling with Golden puppies in '06



Kennedy, Stella and yes that is a new Golden puppy nursing with the Havanese puppies

Jane Docter -

Shop Til U Drop

www.k9gifts.com Havanese note cards by M.K. are a great way to keep in touch with friends and family. Each set of boxed note cards include 8 cards printed on heavy duty "cream" card stock, 8 matching envelopes and 8 peel-off Havanese self-adhesive seals (same design as the cards). The inside is blank, waiting for your special message. Arrives packaged in a clear box.



Boxed set includes 8 ea; cards, envelopes and self-adhesive stickers \$10.95
CAT.ID- Havanese AKZS Boxed Note Cards

Checkout **Licenze** a store on Ebay.com for fun Havanese treasures. This license plate frame is \$8.99+ shipping



The Dangers of Chemical Flea & Tick Products

NOTE: This article is offered as information only – not an endorsement – you will need to make your own decisions as they relate to your pet's health care.

Insect control is a huge problem facing pet parents, and we spend over a billion dollars each year fighting fleas and ticks. But in the 50% of American homes where conventional pesticide products are used on pets, the misery these insects can cause goes beyond the itching and disease risk these parasites carry.

Chemical pesticides carry hidden health risks that may cause devastating effects on our pets, our children, ourselves and our planet. We often naively assume that government agencies like the EPA and FDA adequately test and assess health risks for the products we find on our store shelves. Sadly, this is not true for conventional insect control products, most of which still contain chemicals known to cause health problems in people and pets.

The risks of chemical flea and tick products include immediate toxic reaction in pets, including vomiting, seizures, and paralysis. Cats in particular have higher exposure due to their grooming habits, which allow more pesticide residue into their small systems. These chemicals are designed to work on insects' nervous systems, and can have the same action in sensitive pets and humans. Pet care workers exposed to high levels of chemical pesticides have shown vision impairment, skin and respiratory problems, among other health concerns.

At greatest risk are young children, who are exposed to higher levels of these

dangerous chemicals than adults are, and are vulnerable due to their immature nervous systems. The EPA has estimated that children may be exposed to 500 times above established "safe" levels of pesticides on the day a chemical pesticide is used on a cat or dog alone!

Beyond immediate toxic effects, there is danger in the cumulative effects of exposure to chemical pesticides, which we take in from many sources including residue in our food, and exposure to pesticides in and around our homes. Neurological problems, respiratory conditions like asthma, endocrine problems that affect fertility and some cancers are thought to be caused by chemical pesticides.

All in all, the dangers of chemical flea & tick products stack up in favor of choosing natural approaches to insect control. Our insect control products offer far safer alternatives to keeping your pets, family and home free of insect pests using nature's best weapons against them. Most natural products use safe amounts of herbal extracts, including essential oils that have natural insect-repellent properties. Natural products work best when used together, and when used to protect your home and family before infestation becomes a problem.

Learn more about natural approaches to flea & tick products, and the dangers of chemical insecticides visit www.OnlyNaturalPet.com They are offering **10% off** all *Only Natural Pet* brand flea & tick products during the month of April.

*Excerpt from www.OnlyNaturalPet.com
Only Natural Pet – where products are chosen for their holistic approach to pet health.*

Baby It's Hot Out There

In many States it is illegal to leave your dog unattended in the car. That said we all have done so and tell ourselves we know to leave the windows open, water in the crates and I'll only be gone a minute. Accidents happen so heed the caution and be aware of the danger signs of heatstroke.

Heatstroke is an emergency condition that manifests itself through symptoms such as:

1. Panting
2. Looking ahead with a blank expression
3. Nervous expression
4. Will not respond to commands
5. Dry, hot skin
6. Fever
7. Fast heartbeat
8. Vomiting
9. Collapse

If you suspect heatstroke call a veterinarian immediately, then apply wet cool towels to the hairless areas of the body. This may help lower your dog's temperature and give you precious time to get to a veterinarian. Even if your dog responds you must go to the vet as a relapse is quite common and can be fatal if not properly treated.

Come In – the Water's Fine

Most dogs can swim, but not all. Perform a test to see if he can swim by standing close to your dog in shallow water and calling him. Observe his actions. If he swims with all four legs he is on the right track. If he is paddling with only his front legs give him some help and help him float until he gets the idea and begins to use all four legs.

Never throw your dog into the water. Be wary of his swimming too much and

becoming overtired. This is not something he does every day!

Be careful not to allow your pooch to drink too much ocean or pool water which can make him ill. Salt and other sea minerals can also cause damage to Fido's coat. Make sure to rinse him off with fresh water after any dip in the ocean or chemically treated pool.

As an added precaution make sure your dog wears a flotation device or life jacket when on a boat.

And do not forget to thoroughly dry your dog – a chronically wet coat and skin creates it's own set of problems.



First Day of Summer – June 21st

The Story of Adam & Eve's Pets

Adam and Eve said, 'Lord, when we were in the garden, you walked with us every day. Now we do not see you any more. We are lonesome here, it is difficult for us to remember how much you love us.'

And God said, 'I will create a companion for you that will be with you and who will be a reflection of My love for you, so that you will love Me even when you cannot see Me. Regardless of how selfish or childish or unlovable you may be, this new companion will accept you as you are and will love you as I do, in spite of yourselves.'

And God created a new animal to be a companion for Adam and Eve.



And it was a good animal. And God was pleased. And the new animal was pleased to be with Adam and Eve and he wagged his tail.



And Adam said, 'Lord, I have already named all the animals in the Kingdom and I cannot think of a name for this new animal.' And God said, 'I have created this new animal to be a reflection of My love for you, his name will be a reflection of My own name, and you will call him DOG.'

And Dog lived with Adam and Eve and was a companion to them and loved them. And they were comforted. And God was pleased.

And Dog was content and wagged his tail.

After a while, it came to pass that an angel came to the Lord and said, 'Lord, Adam and Eve have become filled with pride. They strut and preen like peacocks and they believe they are worthy of adoration. Dog has indeed taught them that they are loved, but perhaps too well.' And God said, 'I will create for them a companion who will be with them and who will see them as they are. The companion will remind them of their limitations, so they will know that they are not always worthy of adoration.' And God created CAT to be a companion to Adam and Eve.



Cat would not obey them. And when Adam and Eve gazed into Cat's eyes, they were reminded that they were not the supreme beings. And Adam and Eve learned humility. And they were greatly improved. And God was pleased. And Dog was happy.



And Cat didn't give a crap one way or the other!

Brags & Announcements

I'm very happy to be able to share this brag... Dancer (Peluito's Mambo Queen of Summerstone) strutted her stuff to a 5 point major in Waterloo on Saturday the 18th under Judge Murrel Purkhiser.

Of course you all know that Judge Purkhiser is by far and away the smartest, prettiest and bestest judge ever! ☺

Alas, the gods of humility arrived bright and early on Sunday when the reality of the dog show world slapped us off our cloud nine - we got nothin', not a placement, "shown the door" as they say.

No matter we are thrilled with the weekend and there is always another show - right!

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Until Next Time -

Hav A Nese Day

Gotch Ya! - Photo Gallery